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Addendum to the Annual Report

Summary of Trust Deed Amendment

At the Full Board Meeting held on 9 December 2025, the Trustees of the HOPE Cape Town Trust unanimously resolved to amend the Purpose clause of the Trust Deed.

This revision reflects the strategic development of the Trust over recent years, during which its scope of activities has expanded beyond its original focus to a holistic, integrated development approach addressing interlinked health, social and developmental challenges within vulnerable communities.

The revised Trust Deed clarifies that the principal object of the HOPE Cape Town Trust is to raise, hold and administer funds and resources for the benefit of its beneficiaries within the broader context of fostering sustainable development and cooperation between Africa and Europe. It further specifies the HOPE Cape Town Trust's areas of activity, including health, early childhood development, youth development, vocational training and career planning, as well as democracy and social advancement, and confirms its commitment to partnership-based cooperation with national and international organisations and governmental entities.

This revision strengthens the Trust's positioning as a comprehensive development organisation, capable of engaging in strategic, partnership-based cooperation with public institutions, international organisations and corporate partners. It provides a clear and transparent basis for future funding, sponsorship and institutional collaboration.



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**Address of Consul General
of the Federal Republic
of Germany in Cape Town**



Cape Town, March 2025

Dear Reader,

It is with great pride that in my capacity as Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Cape Town, I am able to contribute once again to the yearbook which shares recent achievements and initiatives of HOPE Cape Town.

During the past year, the commitment to empowering young people through education, health, and democratic engagement has continued to be at the forefront of HOPE's efforts.

Workshops were conducted which focused on democracy and its significance for young people, even featuring a visit to the South African Parliament. These discussions have sparked important conversations about the meaning of democracy, civic responsibility and participation among South African youth.

In collaboration with the Bavarian training center BBW, the Department of Education, the Department of Economy, and local schools, a two-year "Career Planning" project was launched. This initiative aims to equip young individuals with the skills and guidance they need to navigate their future careers successfully.

A hydroponic training program for graduates of agricultural schools kicked off in 2024, a two-year initiative in partnership with the Department of Agriculture and Fresh Life Products, aimed at nurturing the next generation of agripreneurs.

HOPE's diverse workshops on vocational training have continued to empower young people, while offered health services have been further professionalized and expanded. Recognizing the critical need for psychological support for young individuals and pregnant women, HOPE's health services aim to ensure they receive the care they deserve.

In an exciting development, the first Delft Community Youth FTC Robotics Team was established. NexGen Robotics Group was founded in October 2024 and competed in the FIRST Tech Challenge national championships in early 2025. This competition encourages students in grades seven to twelve to design, build, and program robots, fostering innovation and teamwork.

The "Ball of HOPE" brought together visitors from politics, business, and society, highlighting the importance of collaboration and community engagement. HOPE continued its partnership with LEAP to further strengthen efforts to create synergies that benefit youth.

Additionally, the German project EMSACHSE – Moving North offers a unique training opportunity, allowing students to study for two years in South Africa at TVET College False Bay, followed by a year in Germany.

HOPE can proudly report that all children in their ECD Grade R class, who require special assistance, have been placed in suitable educational settings. Furthermore, they launched the "PlayLab," a safe and inspiring environment where children and educators can play and learn together.

At HOPE Cape Town, health and education remain the two most important pillars, with democracy recognised as the framework for harmonious coexistence.

I am excited about HOPE's future, the development of your new and existing partnerships and synergies that will help to achieve HOPE's mission.

On behalf of everyone at the German Consulate General, I would like to again express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to HOPE's founder Rev Fr Stefan Hippler, their CEO, Dr Izane Reyneke, and her wonderful team of professionals and volunteers, as well as the HOPE Cape Town Trust led by Carole Armstrong-Hooper and the many other committed individuals involved. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to excellence over the last two decades.

As we turn the pages of this yearbook, I hope that the achievements of HOPE serve as an inspiration for everyone in this community. I look forward to another year with you to share memories, to visit new projects, and to nurture our relationship.

My very best wishes, much success and another shining year ahead to the entire HOPE community – I am glad that I am a part of your journey!

With appreciation

Tanja Werheit
Consul General of the
Federal Republic of Germany, Cape Town

Report of the Chairperson

Dear Reader,

In this reporting year, 1st March 2024 – 28th February 2025, HOPE Cape Town has not only grown its footprint in the Delft community but through the further development of both existing and new programs, the organisation has become a well-accepted partner of the people of community. The holistic health centre regularly sees children and their mothers for a variety of check-ups or inoculations, Bayerngarden's ECD centre is not only home to the special needs school but also offers community ECDs the Play Lab facility to enhance learning and mentor training. Mother & Baby and Older Persons groups are regularly full as is the Resource Centre computer lab in Bavarian House and the Kap 23 Youth Centre provides a safe space for interaction through music, dance, sport and a place to do homework.

In our last annual report, we documented the intention to build a community garden and training centre adjacent to The Nex – Indawo Yethu Campus. This has now become a reality.

The Bettina Benzoni-Ruffert Community Garden and Environmental Training Centre is now a feature of the campus. Crops of vegetables, salads and herbs sprout and flourish from aquaponic shwe-shwe clad hanging pots, tended by agricultural students as part of an educational training program. In another section of the garden community members are shown how to grow their own vegetables. The "green houses" not only brighten the entrance to Delft, they document again HOPE Cape Town's commitment to the community. They are also a sign that even in a world of conflict and uncertainty, with the support of like-minded sponsors and a dedicated team on the ground, an organisation like HOPE Cape Town is sustainable and can flourish.

It is indeed a tribute to the hard work of the dedicated HOPE Cape Town Association team, under the leadership of CEO Dr Izane Reyneke, that has made this year a remarkable and a positive one for so many in the community, many of whom call The Nex their second home.

Carole Armstrong-Hooper

Chairperson HOPE Cape Town Trust

Our Structure

HOPE Cape Town comprises HOPE Cape Town Trust, HOPE Cape Town Association, HOPE Cape Town USA and HOPE Kapstadt Stiftung.

HOPE | CAPE TOWN TRUST

Responsible for raising funds and ensuring sustainability of the organisation through effective oversight.

HOPE | CAPE TOWN ASSOCIATION

Working arm which implements and monitors all outreach programs.

HOPE | CAPE TOWN USA

Encourages exchange of ideas, learning and collaboration while promoting our cause in the USA giving donors the opportunity to support our many programs.

HOPE | KAPSTADT STIFTUNG
Eine Treuhandstiftung der Deutschen AIDS-Stiftung

Our German trust which enables our German donors to support us and is also responsible for our premier international event, HOPE Gala Dresden.



Our Vision

We envision a world where every child and family affected by HIV, social challenges, and related health conditions has the opportunity to lead a healthy, dignified, and empowered life. We strive to improve their quality of life through compassionate care, access to essential services, and community-driven support.



Our Mission

HOPE Cape Town strives to improve the quality of life of children, youth and families affected by HIV, social challenges and related conditions and assists them to reach their full potential.



Our Values

Focus	Transparency	Innovation
Hands on Child & Family support	Verifiable results through monitoring and evaluation	At the forefront of establishing an HIV / Aids framework with international partners
Medical Research & Clinical Work	Successful local and international partnerships since 2001	We invented the model of Community Health Workers in clinics in 2002
Awareness / Prevention / Training	We are independently audited each year and publish the results of this audit.	We were the second organization to introduce ARV treatment to children in 2002
Education and Skills Development	Continuous reporting through social media and newsletters	Bridging gaps between grassroots & science in the fields of HIV
Community Development and Interventions		Cycle of Life approach
		Early childhood development / 1 st 1000-day interventions in under resourced communities
		Timely diagnosis, support and care for children with neurodevelopmental delays

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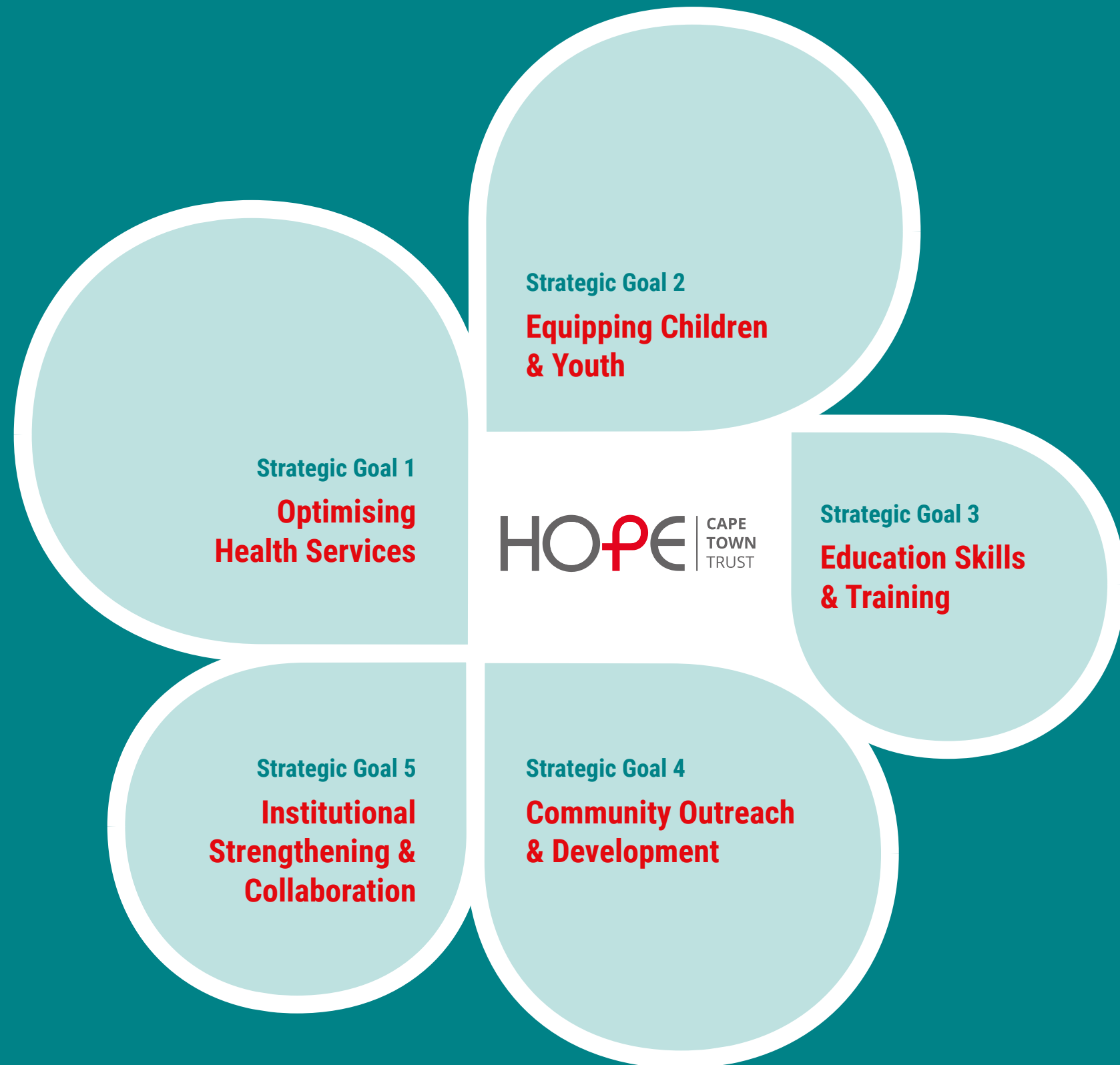


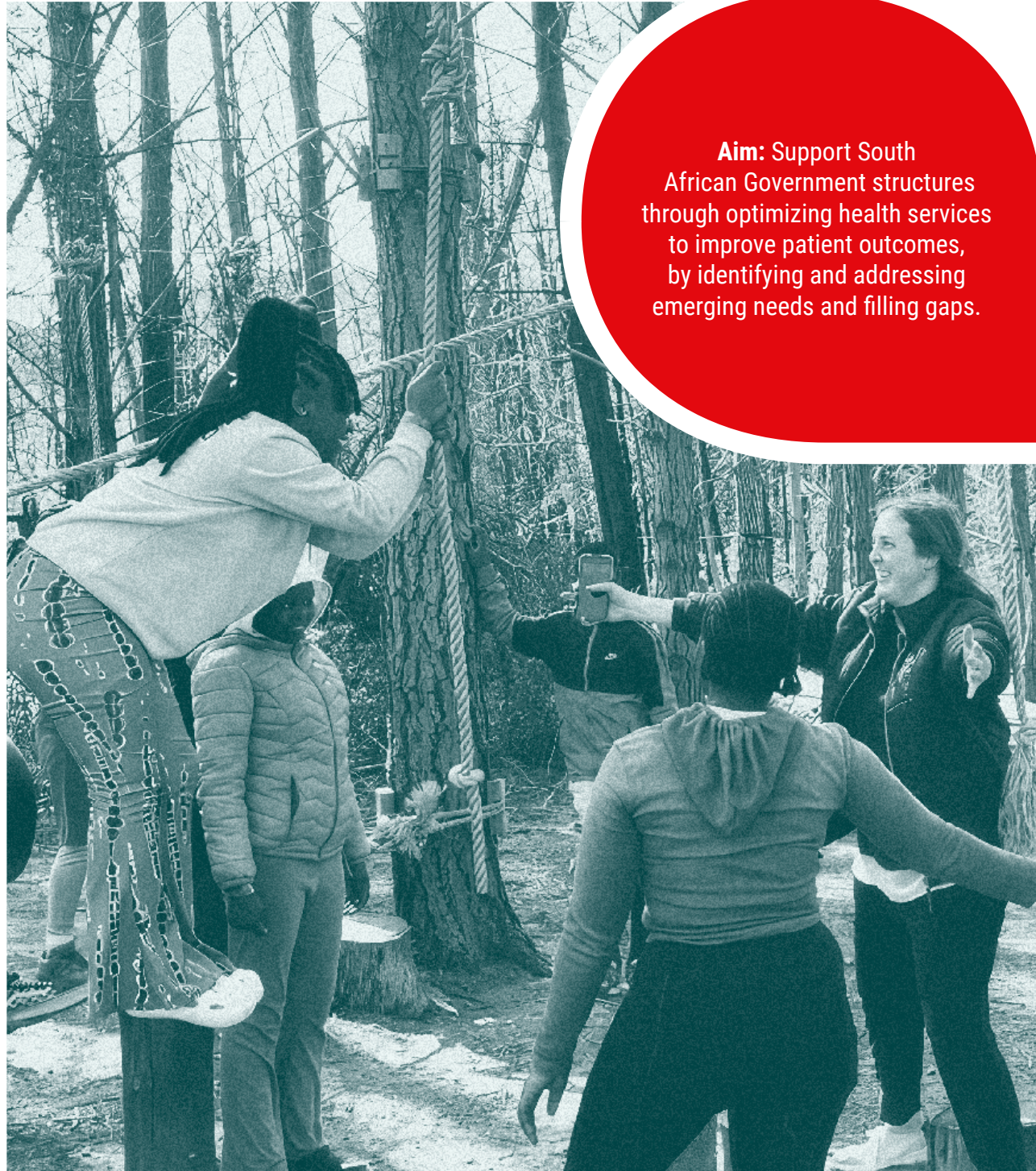
Our Programs

Our programs are continuously developed in close collaboration with communities through inclusive processes. Our presence in Delft – both strategically and philosophically – reflects our commitment to immersing ourselves in the lived realities of the people we serve.

Through our programs, interventions and community-based activities, we aim to:

- Strengthen the physical, emotional, and psycho-social wellbeing of adults, vulnerable children (including those with special needs), adolescents, and youth by delivering a comprehensive model of preventative care at The Nex.
- Provide comprehensive medical and ancillary care for HIV positive children and youth in the greater Cape Town.
- Equip vulnerable and special needs children with life-enhancing skills through play-based learning and therapeutic support – all within a nurturing and supportive environment that also empowers caregivers and Early Childhood Development (ECD) practitioners.
- Build self-esteem, confidence, and resilience among adolescents and youth facing socio-economic challenges, enabling them to realise their full potential.
- Improve access to livelihood and emerging opportunities for youth and women from Delft and other underserved areas by equipping them with relevant knowledge, skills, and practical exposure.
- Foster stronger social networks and help build a more dynamic, inclusive, and culturally rich community life in Delft and surrounding neighbourhoods.
- Enhance the human resource, leadership, and institutional capacity of HOPE Cape Town to sustain and scale our impact.





Aim: Support South African Government structures through optimizing health services to improve patient outcomes, by identifying and addressing emerging needs and filling gaps.

▲ Delft Youth Camp activity

STRATEGIC GOAL 1

Optimising Health Services

We continue to place highly trained staff at key healthcare facilities to support existing teams, deliver essential services, and enhance patient experience and outcomes. This is achieved by reducing waiting times, improving patient education, and providing high-quality care.

Our success is built on a strong partnership through a Trilateral Memorandum of Understanding with Western Cape Provincial and City of Cape Town departments of Health and Wellness. We actively engage with key stakeholders, including healthcare facility managers, district managers, and leadership from both the City of Cape Town and the Provincial Department of Health, to ensure seamless collaboration and effective service delivery.

The Cycle of HOPE

This was a three-year program which was finalised in November 2024. The Program is based at Delft Community Health Centre, the Holistic Health Centre at The Nex, Tygerberg Paediatric Hospital (formerly HOPE for Babies and HOPE to Home programs), Tygerberg Hospital school, and, in part, the services provided by the HOPE Community Health Workers (HCHWs) at the public health facilities.

Paediatric wards at Tygerberg Hospital (HOPE2Home)

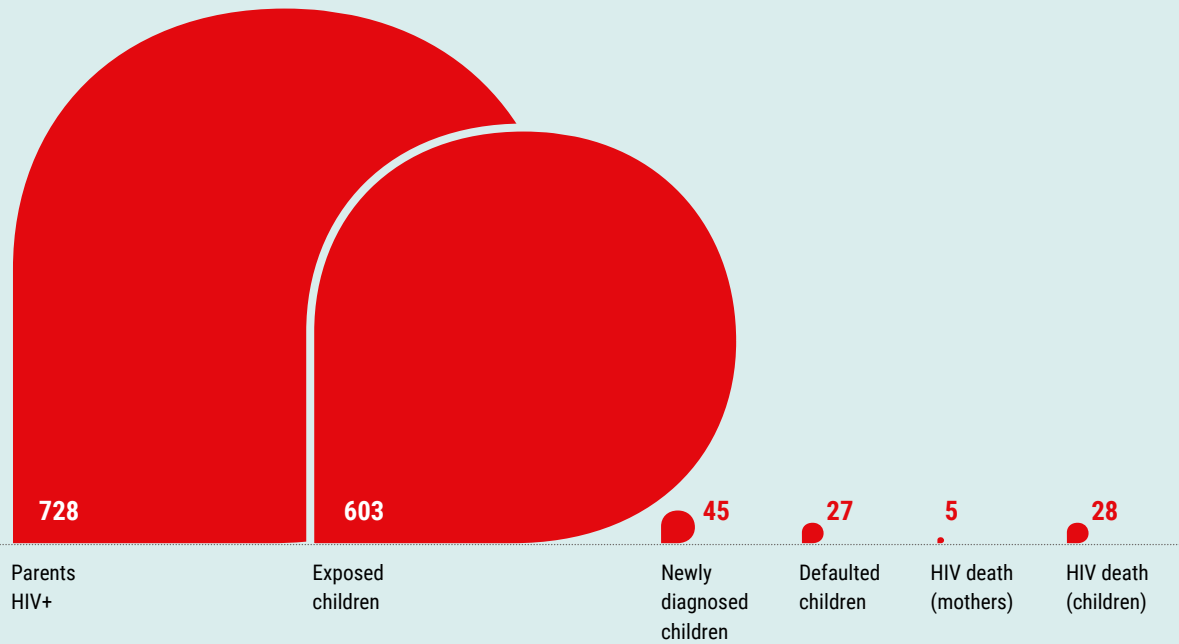
Initially, its primary focus was to improve adherence to antiretroviral (ARV) treatment among HIV-positive children, provide supportive care to HIV-positive mothers, and ensure continuity of HIV care after discharge. These goals are largely achieved through intensive counselling and education delivered by our dedicated and highly skilled Care and Support Coordinator, Sonia Daniels.

Additional efforts include telephonic follow-ups, review of post-discharge test results, and coordination with local clinics to ensure successful linkage to care.

In response to increasing demand and the growing need for psychosocial support, it has expanded beyond its original scope. It now offers in-hospital support to a broader group of vulnerable paediatric inpatients, includ-

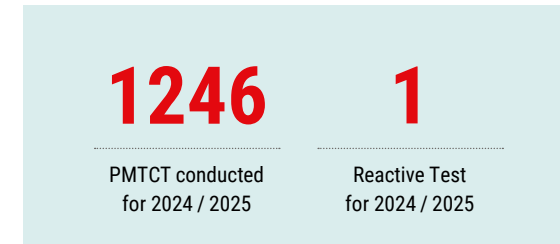
ing children with TB, those facing significant social risks, and parents requiring bereavement counselling or support while their children are in ICU. Our Care and Support Coordinator reported 28 HIV and HIV related child deaths this year. Many efforts are being made to prevent children from getting infected with HIV, however there were still 45 newly diagnosed children at Tygerberg Hospital this year.

HOPE TO Home Annual STATS 2024 / 2025 HIV Related



Prevention in Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT)

Developed to reduce the rate of mother-to-child transmission, the team conducts HIV testing for mothers who are either untested or HIV-negative at the time of labour or in the postnatal wards. They also provide tailored counselling to both HIV-positive and HIV-negative mothers, support postnatal care, assist with breastfeeding initiation, and offer general health education. In addition, our health care workers extend their services to the high-risk antenatal clinic, ensuring consistent support throughout the perinatal period. With effect from August 2024, this service is being conducted by the nursing staff at the Neo-Natal Clinic in Tygerberg Hospital.



Paediatric and Youth HIV/ARV Services

The Delft Paediatric HIV/ARV Clinic

The Delft Paediatric HIV/ARV Clinic provides comprehensive medical care to HIV positive children. This clinic is run by the HOPE doctors, in collaboration with the medical officers from the Tygerberg infectious diseases clinic. During the reporting year the HOPE doctors have done 754 consultations in this clinic.

Delft HIV/ARV Youth Clinic

The Delft Youth Clinic runs every Thursday afternoon and serves older adolescents and youth aged 15 to 24 who are living with HIV. Most are newly diagnosed, face co-morbid medical conditions, or struggle with treatment adherence, which means they are not eligible for participation in our ARV Youth Clubs. While attendance can be impacted by external factors such as weather, school exams, and holidays, the youth-friendly environment of the clinic has proven to enhance engagement. By offering a supportive, age-appropriate space, the clinic helps improve appointment adherence and fosters a more positive experience within the healthcare system. During the reporting year Dr Houston has done 101 consultations in this clinic.

Delft ARV Youth Clubs

ARV Youth Clubs are hosted regularly at The Nex, serving as a consistent source of support and encouragement for their members. Discussions during their meetings ranges from what to do if you lose your tablets during the holidays, how to disclose your HIV status to your partner and which gifts do I have to offer others. Members proudly invited their siblings to accompany them to club meetings during school holidays which shows great progress in them not walking this journey alone and strengthening their support system outside of club meetings. 32 Club meetings were hosted during this year.

Leisure activities during ARV Youth Club



Delft Youth Camp

Youth Club members had their annual camp during September school holidays where 57 campers attended ranging in age from 13 to 24 years old. There were more younger teens this year compared to last year – a sign that they are feeling more comfortable in their clubs. This year had four non-club members (from Delft CHC youth clinic) join – all four integrated well and made friends quickly. They will hopefully be joining the youth clubs in 2025. We also had two LGBTQ+ campers who fitted in well.

This year's program was facilitated by campsite facilitators and a lot more physically challenging than the year before, but they rose to the challenge.

Camp activities included:

- The lifeline: Individual walks through the forest at night (alone) while following a string to guide you safely to the other side.
- Human foosball
- Low-ropes course: balance and agility on an obstacle course through the trees.
- Dodgeball/stingers
- Army course: running and crawling through mud and water
- Teamwork games: spider web, plank game, tyre tower game.



Risk of Treatment Failure Youth Club

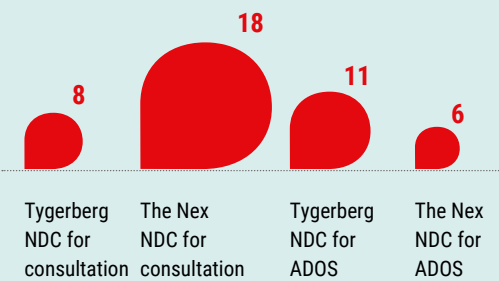
With the assistance of Dr Houston, a Risk of Treatment Failure (ROTF) group was implemented as a monthly club for teenagers and youth with high viral loads. Due to being at high risk for failing the treatment regime that they are currently taking, they do not meet the enrolment criteria for the existing Youth ARV Club at The Nex. However, these teenagers are often the ones facing the greatest challenges and have the greatest need for peer support. The teenagers were happy to meet monthly at The Nex, which is already a big step to getting their viral loads suppressed.

Neurodevelopment Clinic and ADOS Assessments

Dr Ana Houston continues to ease the burden at Tygerberg Hospital in the Paediatric Neurodevelopment Clinic (NDC) where she spends time consulting and administering Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS) assessments.

These assessments typically take up to 90 minutes to administer per patient and require additional time to score, interpret results, and write the report. For this reporting period, Dr Houston had 26 NDC consultations and administered 17 ADOS assessments at The Nex and Tygerberg Hospital.

Neurodevelopment Clinic and ADOS



Occupational Therapy

Occupational Therapy plays a vital role in supporting children diagnosed with HIV and Neurodevelopment delays, helping them reach their developmental milestones and improve their quality of life. Children living with HIV may face physical, cognitive, and emotional challenges due to the virus itself, or as a result of social factors. Our occupational and speech therapists work to enhance their motor skills, cognitive abilities, and social interactions through tailored activities and interventions. They also support caregivers and educators by providing support groups, resources and strategies to promote independence and participation in daily life. Early and consistent occupational therapy can make a significant difference in helping these children thrive both at home and in educational settings.

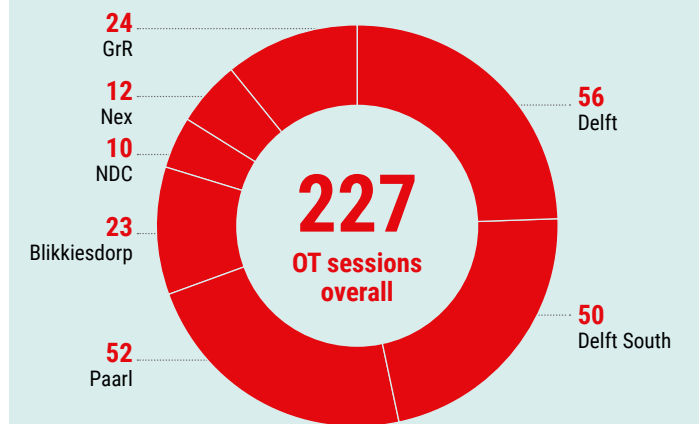
Occupational therapy at the Paediatric Infectious Diseases Clinics (IDC)

Occupational Therapy sessions continue at Delft South, Delft CHC and T.C. Newman Community Health Centre where in total 158 patients received OT sessions. The occupational therapist continues to provide services at these clinics, receiving referrals primarily from doctors managing the ARV program and Child Health nurses. Most of the children seen were HIV-positive. Interventions focused on developmental screening, delays, and school or learning difficulties. Additional conditions addressed included epilepsy, foetal alcohol syndrome (FAS), prematurity, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), TB, Erb's palsy, autism spectrum disorder (ASD), hearing impairments, and visual impairments.

Occupational therapy at Blikkiesdorp

Children are screened on basic concept knowledge and fine motor skills. From these assessments our Occupational Therapist provides organised activities within their activity time focusing on the areas needing attention (shape concept, number concept, letter concept, body concept, drawing and writing names). For this reporting period 23 children were seen for individual sessions and 246 group sessions.

Total number of children seen (during 2024 / 25)



Occupational therapy at Tygerberg Neurodevelopmental Clinic

Our OT administered 15 Griffiths III assessment services this year at the NDC at TBH. This is a comprehensive developmental measure for children up to the age of six years old. These children had Autism and Down's Syndrome with global developmental and language delays.

Bayengarden Grade R Therapy Sessions

Regular therapy services have been set up so that the children who attend the Bayengarden Grade R class are able to receive occupational therapy (OT) and speech therapy (SLT) sessions on a weekly basis. Most of the children were being seen by therapists at community clinics, however, these appointments are generally available a few times per year due to the State employed therapist's high demand and patient load. Weekly therapy sessions provide consistent early intervention, promoting meaningful progress and laying the foundation for improved outcomes throughout their school years.



▲ Grade R class and Team of 2024
▶ ECD team

Bayerngarden Grade R children were assessed at the start of the school year, which informed their therapy goals and sessions for the rest of the year. The assessment process also highlighted the myriad challenges these children faced, particularly within the school environment, owing to their diagnoses and socio-economic circumstances. Most of the children come from environments where they receive very little language stimulation, let alone scholastic exposure, resulting in weak spoken language abilities and limited understanding.

Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) an informal screening is being conducted with each child at the beginning of the year and then diagnostic therapy was implemented going forward. Each child thus began with therapy sooner and gained a more personalized in-depth profile of their individual needs over time.

Collaboration with their teachers was also a big part to help insert accommodations and coping mechanisms into their classroom.

▼ Learner practicing writing skills



Support Groups for Caregivers and Early Childhood Development (ECD) Teachers

Monthly support groups were held for caregivers with disabled children, neurodiverse children and ECD teachers who have children with special learning needs within their ECD classes. Topics and themes discussed during these sessions ranged from understanding neurodiversity, and intellectual and learning disability, self-care, grief, dealing with big feelings to name a few. On average, seven ECD teachers attended the monthly support group meetings, five caregivers with disabled children, and 18 caregivers with neurodiverse children.

Feedback from caregivers and teachers

“The only thing that can prevent me from attending will be death or serious illness. I will come off night shift straight to these sessions just to educate myself and support my son.”

“The difference is in me – my attitude towards my son’s autistic condition, accepting him for who he is and the impact these sessions have for me – I won’t miss it for anything!”

“The group allows me to vent in a safe space, unjudged. I was used to doing things on my own, and this group has taught me that it is okay to ask for help, and we need to ask for help.”

“Most amazingly I learnt that I’m not crazy and I’m not alone.”



Holistic Health Services

La Maison de Christoph Holistic Health Centre embraces a patient-centered approach that prioritises prevention and addresses the root causes of illness – such as lifestyle factors and social determinants of health. A key focus of the centre is female reproductive health, with an emphasis on treating the mother and child as an integrated unit of care.

Mental health and emotional wellbeing are also central to the centre’s services. This is supported by a multi-disciplinary team that includes a clinical psychologist, psychology students, and various support groups. In addition, staff are trained and sensitised to recognise signs of mental health challenges, ensuring timely intervention and compassionate support.

Motherhood Support Group

Our Motherhood Support Group, which focuses on both antenatal and postnatal care, continues to meet every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The aim of the group is to support mothers during the crucial first 1,000 days of a child’s life, a period vital for healthy development.

We encourage the presence of key family members, such as fathers or grandmothers, to strengthen the support system at home and promote shared responsibility in raising a healthy child. Through this group, we’ve successfully helped many caregivers catch up on their babies’ immunization schedules by reviewing the Road to Health booklets during sessions. As a result, mothers and caregivers are becoming more confident in identifying when their babies are due for visits to the clinic, and they are better able to understand the importance of timely vaccinations.

They book during the support group visits and their babies are offered baby immunizations, deworming and vitamin A on Fridays at the HHC.

Baby immunization services

The main aim of this service is to ensure that all babies/ children in Delft area are fully immunized and up to date with their immunization schedule from ten weeks to twelve years of age.

Baby immunization services have mainly been provided by Delft Community Health Centre (CHC) staff (supported by the HHC staff) at The Nex up until September 2024 when it was suspended due to staffing shortages at Delft CHC.

HOPE Cape Town has taken over the management of the clinic in November 2024 and the immunisation clinic has been doing extremely well. We have gained the community's trust since the service is running smoothly, and as a result, our weekly numbers have increased significantly.

This service has become one of the most popular offerings at The Nex, largely because it provides a more accessible and convenient alternative to day hospitals, where long queues often discourage parents from seeking timely care.

This year seven hundred and seventy-eight (778) babies were immunized.

Chronic medication collection

This service accommodates controlled patients on chronic medication from areas that are within five km radius from The Nex.

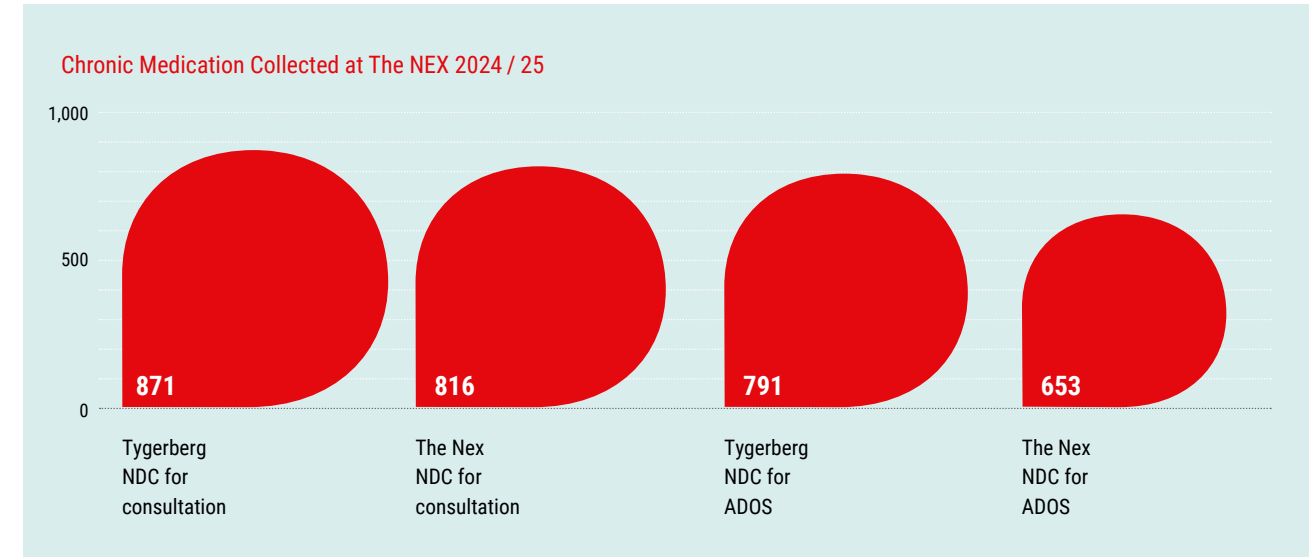
The main aim is to decongest the clinics while promoting compliance and treatment retention.

This collaboration is limited to Symphony Way Community Day Hospital (CDC) and Delft Community Health Centre (CHC).

Patients visit their respective clinics to be reviewed by Doctor (Dr) and/or club clinical nurse practitioner (CNP) every six months.

Most of these clients have opted to join the chronic support group which not only promotes treatment retention but mental health as well through support and interaction received from their peers.

For this reporting period three thousand one hundred and thirty-one (3131) prepacked medication packs have been collected at The Nex.



Chronic Support Group

Our Chronic Support Group continues to grow in both membership and the successful achievement of its goals. The group meets regularly in The Nex's club room and consists of community members living with chronic conditions such as hypertension, diabetes mellitus, and COPD or asthma.

Members remain actively engaged, consistently attending sessions and showing strong commitment to the group. Even when unable to attend due to other responsibilities such as clinic appointments, or visits related to disability, or old-age grants, they communicate reliably through our group chat.

Recently, we introduced a membership system, providing each participant with a membership card. This simple initiative has fostered a stronger sense of belonging and identity within the group. Medication collection is now coordinated with support group sessions, helping to streamline care and reinforce regular attendance.

The group has thirty-six (36) regular members who discuss relevant topics such as lifestyle and diet changes, adherence to treatment, the importance of physical exercise, management of side effects, and influence of stress and anxiety on emotional wellbeing.

▼ Chronic support group members



3131
prepacked medication packs have been collected at The Nex

◀ Mothers and caregivers with their babies on Immunization Fridays.



◀ HIV testing

HIV testing services

HIV testing continues to be provided to all clients that access our health centre voluntarily. The centre has a very low reactive rate which could contribute to the successful 95/95/95 campaign where most people in the community are already aware of their status. For this reporting period, the Holistic Health Centre conducted two hundred and twenty-eight (228) HIV Tests.

18 Months HIV Testing

This is the universal (required) HIV testing that is offered to children at 18 months. The team tests children up to 24 months of age, if they were missed at month 18 to ensure that children did not contract HIV during breast-feeding. Most of these children are identified during baby clinic on Fridays.

Counselling and Therapy

These are the services that are provided by a clinical psychologist until July 2024 and Psychology Master's Students from the University of the Western Cape until November 2024. From December 2024 up until February 2025 we have a Social Auxiliary Counsellor dedicated to providing counselling to clients in need of the service.

A maximum of five clients are booked per day for our Social Auxiliary Counsellor to allow her time to focus on admin for reporting purposes.

Our Social Auxiliary Counsellor provides first line response counselling and then books clients for follow up visits. She works closely with CNP to discuss clients that require further clinic / medical services. Clients are then further referred to appropriate services which include:

- Department of Social Development (DSD) for social services,
- Gender Based Violence Unit (GBV),
- Department of Education (including local schools),
- Relevant organisations that focus on Substance Abuse.

Between March 2024 and July 2024 our clinical psychologist did one-on-one therapy and psychometric assessments with children 18 years and younger.

Young children are sent by the schools to seek help as the school psychologist covers the entire district and not necessarily individual schools. Our psychologist has rendered therapeutic services to sixty-three (63) clients during this period.

A further seventy-seven (77) clients were seen by the UWC students and Social Auxiliary Counsellor regarding emotional difficulties such as trauma, grief, challenging family dynamics and behavioural challenges to name a few.

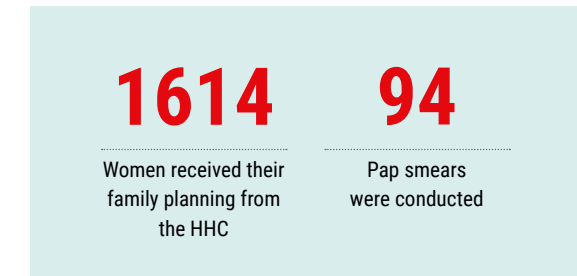
Women's Health

Our HHC provides family planning (FP) and pap smears, breast examinations as well as sexually transmitted infections screening for all women. Pap smear results are followed up every six weeks on National Laboratory Service App and women that require referrals are sent to Tygerberg Hospital with a letter for procedures.


Family planning remains the most in demand. The current age range for woman and girls seeking this service is 13 to 49 years of age.

We hope to have extended hour services to cater for school going girls as our data shows a need for the younger girls. Currently, we see them between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. or they are prioritised between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. to allow them time to walk to school.

During the reporting period a total of one thousand six hundred and fourteen (1614) women received their family planning from the HHC (mostly injectables) and ninety-four (94) pap smears were conducted.



◀ Family Planning consultation



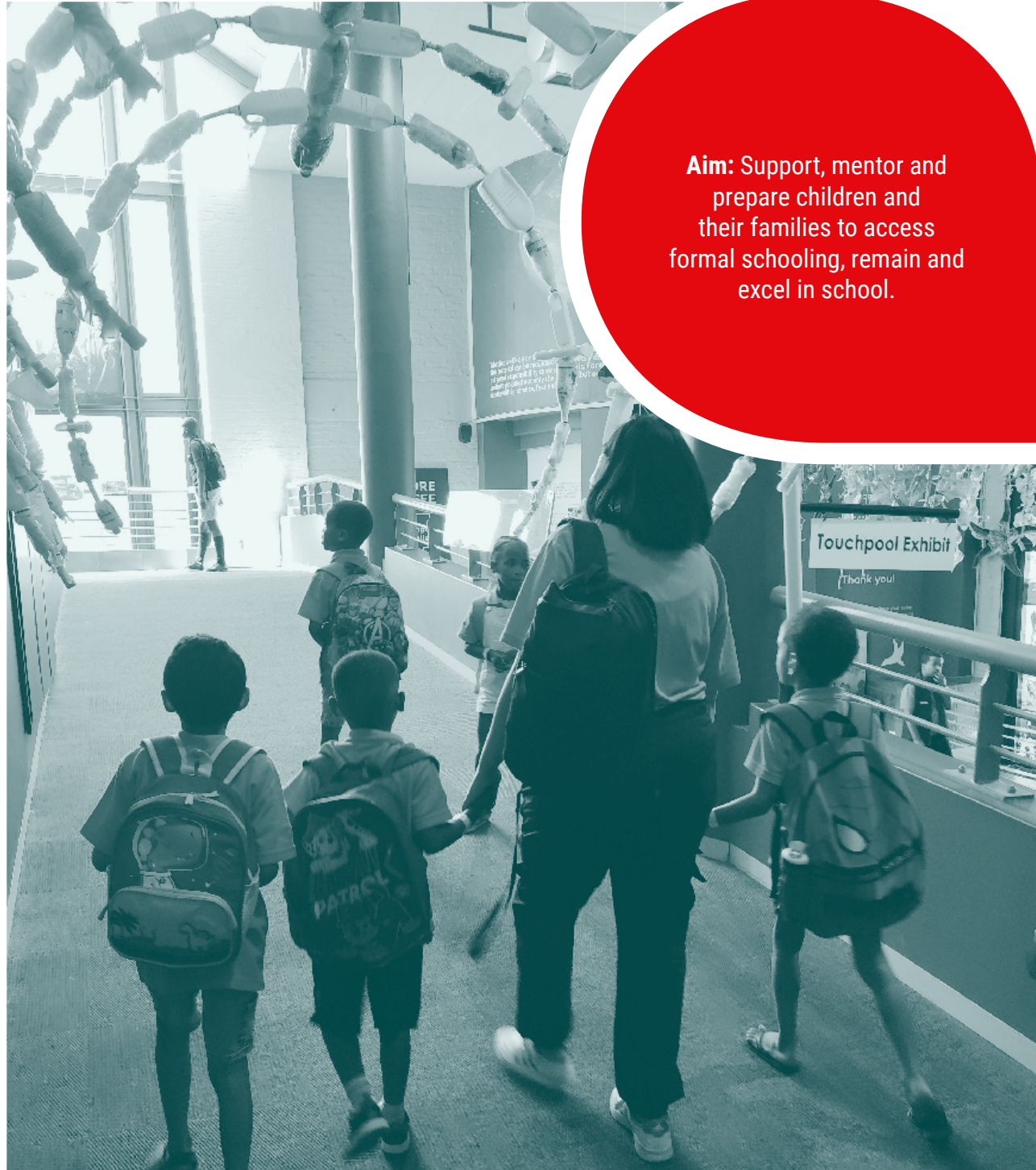
Aim: Support, mentor and prepare children and their families to access formal schooling, remain and excel in school.

STRATEGIC GOAL 2

Equipping Children & Youth

HOPE Cape Town fosters a nurturing and inclusive environment that supports children across various developmental stages. For young children with neurodevelopmental delays, we offer specialised Early Childhood Development (ECD) services tailored to their unique needs. These services focus on school readiness, providing therapeutic support and developmental stimulation delivered by dedicated teachers and trained professionals.

For school-aged children not yet enrolled in formal education, we offer structured preparatory programs to help them transition smoothly into the school system. Additionally, our KAP23 Afterschool Program supports learners already attending school by offering academic assistance with homework, assignments, and projects. This initiative has evolved to include targeted support for Grade twelve learners in the Delft and Belhar communities, specifically in Mathematical Literacy – a subject identified as a key area of concern and a determining factor for success in the National Senior Certificate.



▲ Grade R field trip to the Aquarium

Early Childhood Development

Bayerngarden Grade R

At Bayerngarden we strive to develop our little ones holistically so that they are given the best start not only in their educational development but also in their social development and overall health. We focus on their physical, cognitive, social, and emotional growth.

We believe that learning through play is the best way to achieve these milestones.



◀ Grade R outing to the fire station

▼ The Grade R Class of 2024



Physical Development

This involves the growth of the body and brain, sensory capabilities, motor skills, and health. We achieve this by using simple yet effective activities that stimulate more than one or even all of these areas at once.

Cognitive Development

This is progression of mental processes such as thinking, learning, problem-solving, and memory. This development requires lots of repetition as the brain needs to make a stable neuro connection to improve things such as problem solving and memory.

Social and Emotional Development

We focus on how children understand themselves, relate to others, and manage their emotions. For neurodiverse children these are a bit more difficult to achieve.

Therefore, we encourage group play and social interactions to help familiarize themselves with different sceneries that they may face in their day-to-day life.

For the 2024 school year, Teachers Meagan and Nicole walked a journey with twelve (12) little ones, all with neuro-developmental delays, to achieve the above-mentioned goals.

Field Trips

Planning outings for a special needs class can often feel like a daunting task – but we are incredibly proud to have achieved two successful fieldtrips with the class of 2024.

Our learners showed remarkable adaptability, embracing new environments with confidence and ease. Despite the noise and overwhelming sensory input, they truly thrived – and had so much fun.

Their first fieldtrip was to the local Fire station. The highlights for them were driving in the fire truck and holding a giant hose pipe while wearing some of the firefighting gear.

Their second field trip was a visit to the aquarium, and the excitement was palpable from the moment they left campus.

They watched an engaging puppet show about the importance of keeping our oceans clean and had the opportunity to encounter a variety of fascinating sea creatures. While they were captivated by the vibrant fish, the jellyfish were the clear favourite!

By the time they headed home, most of them could barely keep their eyes open – a sure sign of a day well spent, and memories made.

Finding placements for these learners to progress onto Grade 1 in a mainstream or special needs school remain a challenge. At the end of 2024 five learners were successfully enrolled into a mainstream school, four are awaiting placements and three learners are rejoining the Bayerngarden Grade R group in 2025. We welcomed eight new learners during 2025 Term 1, bringing our 2025 total to eleven little ones.

Message from Teacher Meagan and Teacher Nicole

“To be part of a little chapter in their big book of life is an honour. We aim to grow and develop children holistically but one thing we strongly believe in is ensuring that learners know that they are loved. We believe that once children know they are loved unconditionally everything else will follow. We know that children who come from a loving home are ready to learn whereas children who don’t, come to school for that love.

For Nicole and me, teaching has become more than a passion. It has become a way of life. We thrive to be one of our learner’s biggest cheerleaders, celebrating every achievement accomplished no matter how small. We want to build their confidence and assure that they can do anything they set their minds to. We encourage them to explore and we help them see that in failure the best lessons are learnt.

Teaching is a job filled with many ups and downs but the biggest reward is when you look into your learners’ eyes and see not only how far they’ve come but also how confident and determined they are to do their best with every step they take on their journey.”

► Teachers Meagan and Nicole – shaping the little ones’ bright futures



Play Lab

This year marks the opening of the Play Lab at the Bayerngarden ECD Centre. The Play Lab is a dedicated space that is beautifully equipped to provide children from Delft, with a range of opportunities that facilitate learning, creativity and social development through play. It's a safe and stimulating space in which children are free to play.

In Delft, a community known for violence, substance abuse and minimal resources, children are not free to play, and they have very few opportunities that allow them to explore their interests or discover their talents. They are not only faced with the struggles of financial poverty, but they also lack connections with inspiring adults, have very few positive experiences (resulting in poor self-esteem) and they have limited opportunities that foster understanding and inclusion. Play is powerful

and can mitigate these effects of poverty, because play can also foster tolerance and diverse connections for young children. Our Play Lab Coordinator, Miné Campey, dedicates her time and energy to running several programs in the Play Lab.

Blikkiesdorp Play Group

The Play Group is for children who are school-attending age (five to nine years) but have not been placed in a school yet. Support is not only offered to the children who attend the Play Group. Our parents receive counselling and support to acquire the necessary documents for their children, such as birth certificates, and Road to Health

Play Lab Success Story

Eight-year-old Chloë together with her three older siblings never attended school. Her parents are unemployed, and Chloë's birth was never registered. She had not been taken to the clinic for check-ups or immunizations. Obtaining the necessary documents and securing a space in a local primary school has proved to be challenging, however we succeeded, and Chloë started school in the middle of the first school term. She was so happy to put on her school uniform and new school shoes when she said:

"My shoes feel so heavy, but I love them!"



cards, to ensure their children can access services and support that are available to them. Of the six (6) children who attended the Play Group on a regular basis, we were successful in obtaining spaces in mainstream schools for two (2) learners, with a third child, starting school next term. The other three (3) children are awaiting spaces in schools for learners with special needs.

Play Care

These monthly groups offer respite care for neurodiverse children and children with physical disabilities, whose parents attend the support groups. Ensuring services are inclusive to children with disabilities and fostering an atmosphere of understanding and support, is beneficial to everyone. Parents feel at ease, supported and free to express their concerns, which in turn helps to foster empathy, understanding and tolerance in other parents too. For this reporting period fifty-eight (58) children benefitted from Play Care.

Come & Play

Come and Play gives local ECDs the opportunity to visit the Play Lab with their whole class and utilise the Play Lab space and resources. Over the past eight months, we have hosted four classes from three different schools.

Play Therapy @ The Nex

Our Social Worker, Maria van Blerk continued Play Therapy sessions every Friday in the playroom at The Nex. As all therapeutic inputs are necessary at our ECD Grade R facility, the morning is allocated to three learners at a time for 15 consecutive weeks. The afternoons have a capacity for three children, being referred through HOPE personnel at The Nex.

During this reporting period there were 122 play therapy sessions.

Blikkiesdorp Play Group

Each year, we have successfully narrowed the age gap among children starting their school journey. In the past, many children began their school going journey at ages

nine to eleven, but this year our focus is on preparing six-year-olds – the appropriate age to apply for Grade 1 the following year. As a result, these children only miss out on an official Grade R year, allowing them to enter formal schooling at the correct age. This shift has helped level the playing field, and we are now committed to maintaining this progress to reduce the risk of school dropouts typically seen between ages twelve and 15. In the meantime, the children still benefit from attending a twice-weekly Play Group, which serves as valuable preparation for Grade 1.

The Play Group and the After School Program are run by the capable hands of our Social Auxiliary Worker Violet Avontuur. Violet continued with the Blikkiesdorp Girls Program every Friday afternoon. The Boys Program ran until September 2024 when we had to say goodbye to Calvin Daniels who facilitated the Boys Group.

Afterschool Groups

Blikkiesdorp After School Group

The After School Group (ASG) meets every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 14:00 p.m. to 16:00 p.m.. Due to limitations in available space, we are currently unable to accommodate all learners on all three days. However, we ensure that each learner has the opportunity to attend at least once a week.

A growing concern is the increasing trend of school absenteeism, which has worsened over the years. Once again, this year, we observed that many learners did not attend school during the final three weeks of the fourth term. Alarmingly, this pattern is starting to extend into the first three terms as well, with some children missing the last week of each term. It's not uncommon for a child to be absent six to seven days per term – adding up to 20 to 24 days of missed learning each year. This issue remains difficult to address, as it involves a shared responsibility between teachers, parents, and learners.

Our ASG sessions typically host between 25 and 30 learners each afternoon. However, attendance drops noticeably during the final week of each term, in line with the broader trend of school absenteeism.

Learners in the After School group also get time away from their books to go on hikes and end the year off with some fun in the sun. Helping them expand what they see beyond the boundaries of their communities.

School Uniform and Supplies Distribution

Our distribution of school clothing continued on a monthly basis. However, we were not able to assist in all the children's needs due to the funding that has drastically been reduced during the past two years. However, we still managed to distribute uniforms and school supplies to 136 children.

Zoë Reading Group

The Zoë Reading project continued from May 2024 and the 20-week program ended in October 2024. Each facilitator had weekly one-hour sessions with her group consisting of eight to ten children, between Grade R and Grade 4.

This was our final year, having the privilege of partnering with them, as they had to withdraw due to funding restrictions.

This will leave a gap in our efforts to assist our learners with their basic reading skills.

KAP23 Youth Centre Afterschool Program

We commenced our Afterschool Program for homework and assignment support on 20 May 2024 with 16 to 26 learners from surrounding schools attending Mondays to Fridays. This has been an exciting journey, where we are already able to observe the impact this program has on the learners. By simply giving them a safe and quiet space to do their schoolwork, to prepare for tests and exams and receive a snack, have yielded much positive feedback and gratitude from both the learners and their parents.

We are especially proud that 77% of our learners who attend on a regular basis improved in Mathematics by the end of the 2024 school year. Our Grade 8 learner improved in Mathematics from 20% to 51% and our Grade 9 learner improved from 64% to 77%.



◀ Volunteer Keisha assisting with homework tuition in the Afterschool program

▼ Maths Literacy classes

Grade 12 Mathematical Literacy Classes

We rolled out these classes initially to our Grade 12 Volunteers assisting in our KAP 23 Afterschool Program, but soon realised the great need for these classes, which we are hoping to open up to more Grade 12 learners in 2025 especially since Mathematical Literacy is a compulsory subject to pass in order to obtain your National Senior Certificate (NSC), yet so many learners struggle – not always because they do not have the capacity to comprehend. We are happy to report all five Volunteers (some failing this subject during Term 3) enrolled in these classes received their NSC, four passed with a bachelor's pass and one with a diploma pass.



◀ Learners proudly wearing their new school uniforms

Extra Mural Activities

Coder Dojo and Robotics Club

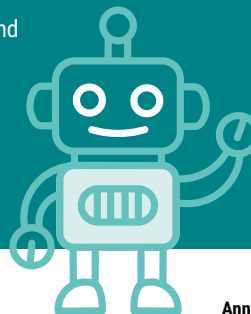
The Play Lab is a dedicated space, that is beautifully equipped to provide children from Delft, with a range of opportunities that facilitates learning, creativity and social development through play. It's a safe and stimulating space in which children are free to play. As part of the Play Lab services children can also get tech savvy with our Coder Dojo and Robotics Group. Coder Dojo gives children an opportunity to explore digital technology and learn the basics of coding and robotics, with the support of other children and mentors. Over the last eight months children attending Coder Dojo, who are in the foundation phase, have learnt:

- What is technology, coding and robotics.
- How to introduce themselves during an opening circle.
- How to create a project in Scratch Junior and Octo-Studio which includes: choosing your own background, adding characters, animating the characters with sound and movement, and adding additional pages onto their story.
- How to program Botley the Robot and Robot Mice to navigate a simple course to reach a goal.
- How to present their work during show and tell.

FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics Team (Team Nex Gen)

Most the FTC team only started coding in August 2024. A first robotics demonstration in October inspired our high school learners to start their own team. They received sponsorship of a Rev Robotics starter kit in November and started the mechanical build of the robot. Since then, they have participated in:

- three local robotics events in Cape Town.
- in the FTC Regional Competition in the Western Cape, ranked 6/24 and won the "Think" award for their engineering portfolio
- Qualified and participated in the National FTC Competition for Southern Africa and ranked 12/24 teams nationally.
- Completed three outreach events to local schools and spoke to 420 learners about STEM activities and FTC Robotics.



MusicWorks

In partnership with MusicWorks, the Music for Life Marimba Program is held weekly at The Nex with 24 children who, in the past year have:

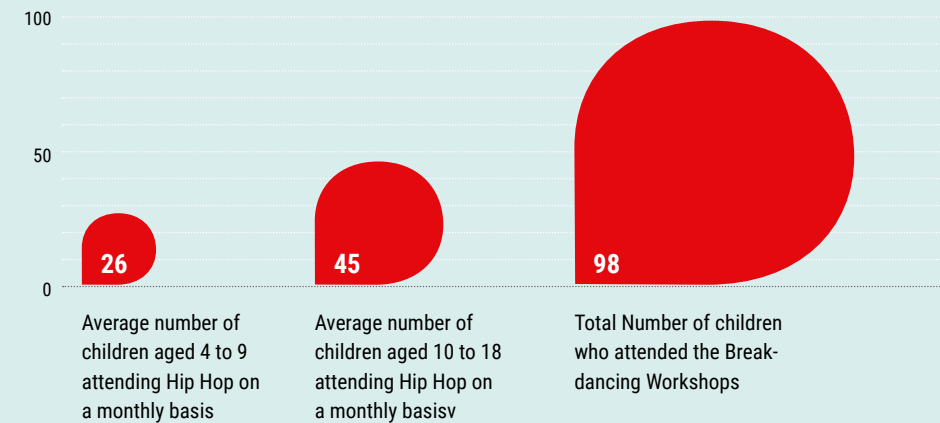
- shown increased self-awareness and confidence
- been exposed to positive role models
- developed relationships with their peers through music making
- acquired the skill to play djembe drums and marimbas
- made positive choices about their lives

The two groups (eight to twelve years and 13 to 17 years) have performed for audiences as well as with groups from Zimasa Primary School in Langa and St Vincent Primary School in Stellenbosch.

Contemporary African Dance and Poetry

#HopelnTheArts is coordinated by Vumile Malte. It is hard to believe that the fifteen teenagers who concentrate on crafting their own poetry, and the 24 who move energetically to Contemporary African Dance rhythms, are not professional performers. This is due to the inspirational facilitators Anele Kose (Poetry) and Nathi Mngomezulu (Dance) who utilise their expertise to energise and motivate the groups that have performed on stage as well as local radio and television stations during the year.

Hip Hop Class participation

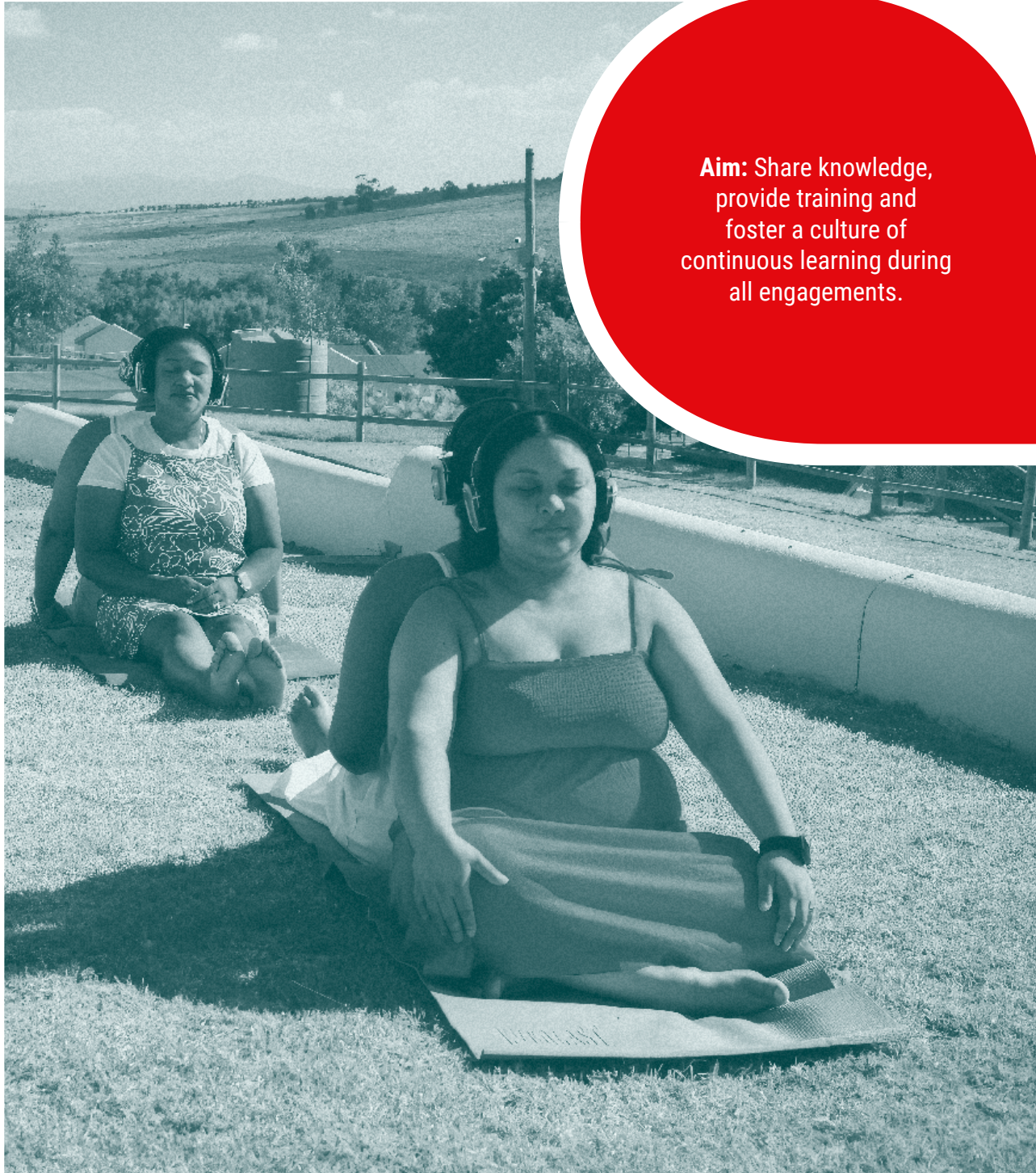


► Hip Hop classes in the Youth Centre

Hip Hop

Two Hip Hop classes were launched on 16 August 2024, led by Kerishnie Lottering, a dance coach from the Delft community. Kerishnie has proudly represented the Western Province multiple times, both as an athlete and a coach. In 2019, she was also awarded South African colours for her achievements as a dance coach. During each lesson the Hip Hop students learn the complete choreography of the dance. She also incorporates more traditional and popular dance styles into her lessons, such as "Amapiano" dance moves. Currently we have 26 learners attending in the first group (four to nine-year-olds) and 45 learners attending the second group (ten to 18-year-olds).





Aim: Share knowledge, provide training and foster a culture of continuous learning during all engagements.

▲ Life Orientation teachers' wellness workshop

STRATEGIC GOAL 3

Education Skills & Training

Staff Training

Our Community Health Workers attended the below training:

- Reflection and Relaxation Day where they explore some personal difficulties throughout 2023 and focused on what they want to achieve in 2024.
- An Introduction to Trauma in Children, for which they received a certificate from Impact Learning and
- HIV Counselling Tool and Long Acting injectable ARVs, presented by Dr Ana Houston.

Dr Houston attended University of Cape Town's Paediatric Refresher Course in Feb 2025 and a three-day conference for doctors (especially paediatricians) who focus on neurodevelopment, cardiology and genetics.

Youth Parliament

Youth engagement in politics is crucial for the development of democratic societies. As future leaders and decision-makers, young people play a vital role in shaping policies and political discourse. The program allowed participants to engage in dialogue with policy-makers to better understand their roles and responsibilities as citizens of South Africa.

Following a detailed program, our young activists interrogated topics like Youth Access to Political and Electoral Processes, Breaking Barriers for Youth Participation, Youth Participation in the Electoral Cycle, Leadership, Communication and Engagement, and Advocacy and Lobbying. Understanding citizenship (roles and responsibilities of a citizen), what it means to be a South African in the Government of National Unity, the importance of voting, and the role of a leader.

Every lesson was interactive, from role-playing electoral cycles and processes to an active African Union summit,

participants had to identify with one of the 55 countries that belong to the African Union.

The highlight of the program was a visit to Parliament where a thorough tour was given through various stations including the library and the NCOP (National Council of Provinces). Our guides shared the history of Parliament and its structure. Our group questioned “How can we get involved?” This is what invited the establishment of the first Delft Youth Parliament which now actively engages in topical concerns of the people, creating and supporting community leaders, and spreading awareness of political works, governance and information.

Career Pathways Project

This project aims to strengthen the pedagogical, methodological, and content-related competencies of Life Orientation (LO) teachers in high schools especially Delft and surrounding areas. Through targeted training and curriculum development, the project seeks to enhance the practical relevance of LO, ensuring it effectively addresses the learning needs of young high school learners.

Some highlights included a Hair and Cosmetology Orientation Day, Life Orientation Resources Exhibition, two Teacher’s Training workshops, Mental Health and Wellness workshop, and Career exhibitions at The Nex and various schools.



► Learners at the Career Pathways orientation day
▼ Youth parliament participant

STEP Program

Skills Toward Employment and Productivity (STEP) Program enrolled 43 youth from Delft to participate in the three-month program which is aimed at those who recently matriculated but are uncertain about their future in terms of further studies, or employment and career opportunities.

The program aims to overcome challenges faced such as lack of resources and basic skills as well as exposure to opportunities.

With STEP, participants not only receive knowledge and skills, but also the self-confidence to actively shape their own future.



▲ Visit to SA Parliament

STEP Program The three central topic areas

Basic digital skills
Especially in using computers and common software programs

Personal coaching and development
Strengthens cognitive and behavioural skills and prepares participants for the demands of the labour market

Technical and business skills
Professional development and hands-on training



Aim: Accompany communities on their journey to identify and access opportunities to effect sustainable improvement of their living standards (quality of life).

▲ Social Grant registration assistance

STRATEGIC GOAL 4

Community Outreach & Development

Blikkiesdorp Community Outreach

Blikkiesdorp is estimated to house around 25,000 people. Initially intended as a temporary relocation area, it has grown significantly, with each structure often housing multiple families. The area is known for its overcrowded conditions and inadequate infrastructure.

HOPE Cape Town continues to strive to maintain and grow a community project in Blikkiesdorp that is aligned with the needs of the community.

Soup / Meal Distribution

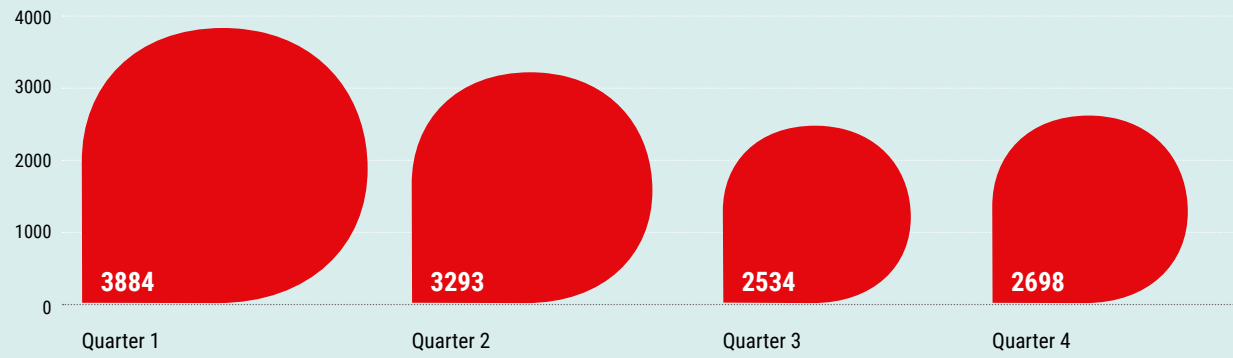
Meals and Soup are cooked and prepared for the kids who participate in the programs at Blikkiesdorp as well community children and adult, 9711 meals in total were distributed for 2024 / 2025.

Social Services – Individual Case Work

During 2024 / 2025, our Social Worker, Maria van Blerk assisted:

- to register four births from children attending the Blikkiesdorp Playgroup.
- 96 individuals in applying for their ID cards. This included the elderly as well as young people applying for their first ID.
- approximately 70 learners to enroll for Gr R, Grade 1 and Grade 8 for January 2025.
- and supported, and accompanied 38 individuals in their applications for SASSA grants. Some of them could not be assisted online and were instructed through the online system to personally visit the Bellville SASSA office.

Total Meals distributed 2024 / 2025



HOPE – The Nex Seniors Club

While there are more than 20 seniors' clubs established in Delft, the HOPE – The Nex club is without doubt the most active of them all. With nearly 50 members, the Chairperson, Gadija Francis coordinates regular outings, weekends away and large events such as Breast Cancer Awareness, Heritage Day, and the recent Valentine's Ball. The club meets weekly at The Nex where a hearty lunch follows the business of the day and a fitness class. Other frequent activities during the year include book launches and workshops, drumming, knitting and crochet, and arts & crafts. They also participate in educating the children in the community by assisting with reading exercises as well as life skills and workshops for the youth.



▲ Seniors enjoying a beading workshop



▲ Outdoor exercise sessions for the Seniors club
◀ Exercise is fun with a friend



Aim: Foster the strengthening of social learning networks and development, and facilitate knowledge sharing and collaboration.

▲ Elective students engaging with afterschool group

STRATEGIC GOAL 5

Institutional Strengthening & Collaboration

Delft Nex-Indawo Yethu e-Centre

The Resource Centre at Bavarian House, named the Delft Nex-Indawo Yethu e-Centre through a partnership with the Western Cape Premier's office, features 24 computer workstations that remain in constant demand throughout the day. Managed by Godfrey Wilkenson, a proud resident of Delft – the centre serves as a vital hub for digital access and learning. In a community where many adults, particularly those aged 18 to 40, have limited computer literacy, the e-Centre plays a crucial role in bridging the digital divide and empowering individuals with essential computer skills.

International Elective Student Program

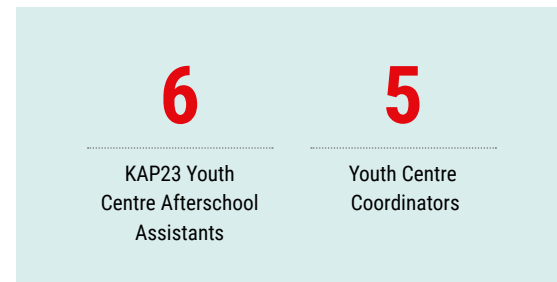
We had the pleasure of welcoming four elective students between July 2024 and February 2025:

- **Lauren Griffiths**, final year medical student from Cambridge, UK, interested in international NPO work / community development and health equity.
- **Mees** presented on Lenacapavir (new injectable ART drug) – as it is a “hot topic” and brings in issues of public health systems and adherence.
- **Anthony and Sophia**, master's in public health students from Northwestern University, USA. Came for their APEX program for six weeks. (Not medical doctors). They took on a couple of projects: Measuring height of children attending Blikkiesdorp facilities. Educational waiting room videos and pamphlets. Surveying teenagers regarding understanding Family planning and access to HHC and reviewing the HOPE USA Website.

Volunteer Program

We currently have six KAP23 Youth Centre Afterschool Assistants volunteering in our Afterschool and Holiday Program and five Youth Centre Coordinators.

During our June School Holiday Program, they received recognition from the Western Cape Education Department for their outstanding leadership skills during the Holiday Program.



Visitors at The Nex

The Nex Campus came alive this year as we welcomed many visitors on campus including:

- A delegation of the **Parliament of Sachsen-Anhalt in Germany** as well as representatives of the Konrad Adenauer-Stiftung visited the campus in Delft.
- A delegation of **Members of the Bavarian Parliament** from the CSU party and the Hanns-Seidel Foundation for a visit to The Nex Campus.
- We had the pleasure of hosting **Bettina Benzoni-Ruffert Stiftung** on 22 January 2025. A delegation from the Bettina Benzoni-Ruffert (BBR) Stiftung that recently launched Bettina Benzoni-Ruffert Community Garden and Environmental Training Centre at The Nex.
- **Grazer Kapellknaben Boys Choir** on 14 February 2025 where we hosted a group of 50 youth from the Grazer Kapellknaben Boys Choir.

- **Kassel Rotary Club Germany** on 20 February 2025, who have also generously supported the development of the Hydroponics Garden.
- **The Step-by-Step Dance Group** on 23 August 2024. A vibrant fusion of South African and German culture, food, music and dance.
- **Fr. Alexander Dienstberg** a Pallottine priest and theologian from the Society of the Catholic Apostolate (SAC), in Vallendar, Germany, visited The Nex to learn more about our youth-focused initiatives.

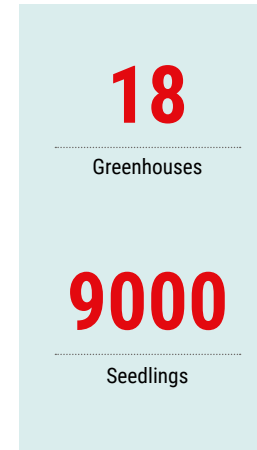
Bettina Benzoni-Ruffert Community Garden and Environmental Training Centre

The once sandy dunes are blossoming into a garden that now boasts 18 greenhouses, a shaded net house for the community garden, training centre, storage facilities, irrigation system and security infrastructure. Forty allotments in the Shade Net House have been allocated to families and community groups who will receive essential fruit and vegetable gardening training in April 2025 to foster food security.

The vertical gardening system will be both space-efficient and resource-conscious and provide for innovative solutions for urban and small-scale farming while four water tanks and two boreholes will ensure reliable access to water for all operations on the plot. It's fulfilling to see how much this garden has already bloomed.

Already 9000 seedlings have been planted in the Hydroponics facility and the first three allotment beds have been set up in the community garden to be used to train community gardeners as they set out to plant their own vegetables and fruit.

There has been keen interest in the vertical hydroponic gardening as well as the community allotments.



- ▲ The first crops in the vertical hydroponics facility
- ▶ Official opening of the Bettina Benzoni-Ruffert Community Garden and Environmental Training Centre





67
decorated Soup Jars

▲ Mandela Day
soup jar initiative
◀ Working together
for 67 minutes
Mandela Day initiative

Campus Events

We had the pleasure of hosting several significant events this year.

Urban Gardening Discussion with Professor JC Niala

Professor JC Niala, Head of Research, Teaching, and Collections at the History of Science Museum, Oxford University, joined us for an engaging discussion on the role of gardens in promoting food security within communities. She guided thought-provoking conversations around the social and environmental impact of urban gardening, highlighting its potential to foster resilience and sustainability. Following the discussion, Professor Niala led attendees

in the hands-on activity of selecting and planting the first seeds in their allotments, marking the beginning of a meaningful and practical journey toward community-based food cultivation.

Human trafficking Workshop

In Delft, an increasing number of women and children have disappeared, and the authorities are unable to confront this insidious exploitation of these vulnerable people. On 24 April, HOPE Africa presented a six-hour workshop to 137 Delft residents of all ages who wanted more information on the prevention of Human Trafficking.

Career Day on Youth Day

Learners from the Delft and Belhar communities often face significant barriers when it comes to accessing information about university opportunities and career pathways. With limited exposure to career / open days and few chances to engage with professionals or role models, many are left without the guidance they need to make informed decisions about their futures. In response, we hosted a Career Exposure Day and invited representatives from various sectors and industries to interact with our youth, share insights, and answer their questions. The event was a resounding success, with over one hundred enthusiastic young people attending throughout the day, eager to learn, connect, and envision new possibilities for their future.

Soup Jars for Nelson Mandela Day

In the spirit of giving back and remembering Tata Madiba, our Afterschool and ECD learners created 67 beautifully decorated Soup Jars filled with soup mix which they then donated to members of The Nex Seniors who run soup kitchens in their communities.

Trustees

We thank all our trustees for their time, their professional advice and engagement in various committees. We also appreciate the members of the Advisory Board for their important contribution to the HOPE Cape Town Trust.

In this period, Mr Bradley Slade, and Mr Martin Hoernig resigned as trustees. We sincerely thank them for their contribution, and hope that they will remain connected to HOPE Cape Town.

We also welcomed two new trustees:
Mr Danilo Schmidt and Mr Erwin Gaertner.

It is noted, that although all documentation has long been submitted to the Master of the High Court to facilitate these and previous changes to the board of trustees, and despite every effort by trustee Mr Bob Groeneveld of Fairbridges Attorneys, we are still awaiting confirmation of the changes.

Organisation & Partners

Our strong partnerships are key to our ability to continue to manage and deliver effective programs and interventions and partnering with like-minded, established organisations is an effective strategy to expand the awareness of HOPE Cape Town.



Portfolio Committees

Marketing Oversight / Fundraising

In regular and ad hoc meetings HCTA marketing presented current and planned activities.

Marketing supports organisational activities for all programs through conceptualisation and implementation of events, development of social media content and other initiatives including photography and videography services and the development of materials such as flyers and information booklets.

Branding: Formal approval for the use of registered branding and any adaptations is mandatory in line with our regulations. This also applies to the use of The Nex logo.

Communications: Topics for the newsletter are proposed and discussed for this key form of communication with donors, partners and indeed prospective supporters. It is vital that the newsletter reflects current HOPE Cape Town activities, and that it is tailored to the German and English-speaking markets.

A stronger focus needs to be placed on the organisation's social media presence and ensuring that the website is regularly monitored and updated. The key objective of these tools is to inform and increase awareness and understanding of the holistic approach HOPE Cape Town takes when facilitating programs and community support initiatives.

Collaborations: Partnering with like-minded, established organisations is an effective strategy to expand the awareness of HOPE Cape Town. Here, as an example the event around the Cape Town Cycle Race together with FALKE SA. The HOPE shop, fully stocked with locally sourced items and souvenirs, also offers a platform for future partnerships and fundraising options. Marketing's involvement in fundraising is to ensure that the materials are available

and that the messaging is correct and relevant. Marketing supports the preparation and execution of the Ball of HOPE, and is responsible to use this important Cape Town Event with our partners the Southern African- German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AHK) to highlight the work of the organisation and future collaboration options.

Annual Report: The layout and execution of the digital and printed version of the HOPE Cape Town Trust's annual report is reviewed by the committee to ensure a timely delivery and distribution and the inclusion in the website.

Joint Risk Committee

Security at the community garden

New cameras have been installed and there is good boundary coverage that improved the security at the garden. No theft or malicious damage have been reported since the last Risk Committee meeting in 2024. Options are being examined to use the Neighbourhood Watch for daytime patrols at the garden.

Cyber security

Since the current firewall is at the end of its life, a new firewall must be obtained. It is budgeted for, and IR is currently in discussions with a service provider for a new system. There are proper data access protocols in place.

Construction issues

We have recently discovered a range of issues in the buildings constructed as part of the phase two construction work.

In terms of our contract with the building contractors we still have more than a year to raise issues to be corrected by them.

Important staff training

The first aid and fire-fighting training of the staff is up to date. It is time for the renewal of the certification for the fire-fighting training, and it is being attended to.

Personnel

The Nex

Following the resignation of Ms Melanie Wagener earlier in the year, in August 2024 **Ms Antonia Arendse** joined the team as Administrator for the Trust in the campus office.

A new position, Trust Liaison Officer was introduced and in July 2024 **Ms Tonia Wyngaard** was appointed. A key position to enhance the area of BSCC, through the creation of Experiences at The Nex for visitors and marketing the workshop/meeting options The Nex offers to businesses and organisations.

Donor Support / Fundraising

Ms Petra Reichwein, Treasurer, additionally took on the role of Donor Relations Officer, primarily focussed on the German Market and has been a great support to Rev Stefan Hippler in various fundraising activities.

Discussions took place between members of the Trust EC and the Association board on the topic of fundraising generally and specifically activities in the local South African market. It was decided that the role of raising funds should remain a function within the HOPE Cape Town Trust.

Visitors to The Nex

It is always a pleasure to welcome visitors to The Nex Campus. The addition of the HOPE Shop, with its shelves full of handmade items and HOPE Cape Town and The Nex

branded leisurewear, provides that special souvenir of a visit to HOPE Cape Town while supporting local craftsmen and raising funds.

Sister Organisation HOPE Cape Town USA

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Vision

HOPE Cape Town USA connects South Africa and the USA in mobilizing funding and transferring knowledge to improve the quality-of-life people effected by HIV / AIDS and related health problems and/or poverty.

Mission

The Mission of HOPE Cape Town USA is to realize this transfer of support on different levels through a close collaboration with the HOPE Cape Town Trust in Cape Town / South Africa.

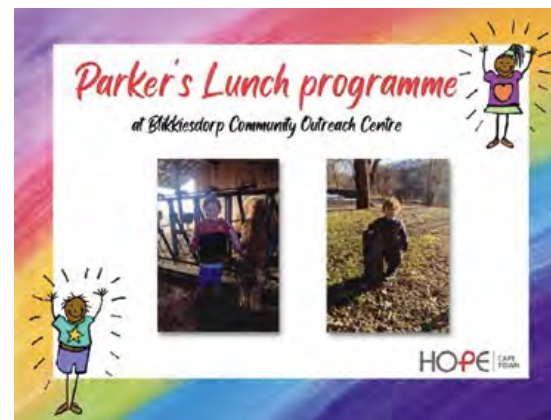
This mission is realised by the following means

- Advocating and fundraising for the programs and financial needs of the HOPE Cape Town Trust in South Africa (NJ, TX, MI)
- Supporting Advocacy work and fundraising in the USA to create an understanding of the needs, challenges and interconnections of children, youth and families living with HIV, AIDS or related illnesses in both countries. (TX)
- Encouraging collaboration with other NGOs in the fields of health, training and poverty relief to create synergies and expertise and interconnect globally with the aim to learn, share and optimize programs (NJ, TX, MI)



In October 2024 Marlene Whitehead and Stefan Hippler visited Dallas / Texas for a board meeting which reflected on the work and outreach of HOPE Cape Town USA and determine focus areas.

The support of good nutrition for children in Blikkiesdorp (Parker's lunch money), the exchange of work with HIV positive youth and families and prospects of support and collaboration in the agricultural training sector are the focal points of the work. The HOPE Cape Town USA board met via Zoom every two months during the year.



Sister Organisation HOPE Kapstadt Stiftung



→ hopegala.de → www.facebook.com/HopeGalaDresden
→ aids-stiftung.de/hope-kapstadt-stiftung → www.facebook.com/hopekapstadt

The HOPE Kapstadt Stiftung was established in 2007 as a dependent trust foundation of the German AIDS Foundation in Bonn. It supports the activities of HOPE Cape Town even more effectively with donations from Germany. Since then, donations and proceeds from the foundation's benefit events have continuously benefited people in South Africa in many ways, tackling HIV but also poverty as well as training and education.

The Board of Trustees of the HOPE Kapstadt Stiftung decides on the use of the Foundation's funds. Its members are:

- **Anne von Fallois**
Chief Executive Officer, German AIDS Foundation
- **Rev Fr Stefan Hippler**
Executive Committee of HOPE Cape Town Trust
- **Viola Klein**
Chairwoman of the management committee HKS, initiator of the HOPE Gala Dresden, and member of the Board of Trustees of the German AIDS Foundation
- **Rev Fr Wim Lindeque**
HOPE Cape Town Association
- **Dr Florian Reuther**
Executive Committee, German AIDS Foundation
- **Ralf Pütz**
Head of Fund Allocation German AIDS Foundation

The HOPE Kapstadt Stiftung organises the HOPE Gala in Dresden every year, making it the largest single donor to HOPE Cape Town.

Under the leadership of Viola Klein and assisted by the "Kuratorium" as well as a highly professional and dedicated team the HOPE Gala is meanwhile one of the best-known charity events in Germany.

The 16th HOPE Gala in Dresden was again a sounding success where people from all walks of life celebrated hope and life while doing good. Here some pictures which invites you to come and see for yourself in Dresden 29 September 2025.

▶▶ HOPE Gala Dresden highlights



◀ Performers at the annual HOPE Gala Dresden

Our Partner Hope and Future e.V.

→ www.hope-and-future.de

A Year of Recognition, Engagement and Deepened Partnership

The year 2024 was a meaningful and inspiring one for Hope & Future e.V. – not only because of our ongoing commitment to supporting HOPE Cape Town's vital work in Blikkiesdorp and Delft, but also because of several special moments that brought public attention and new opportunities to grow our message of hope and solidarity.

One of the highlights of the year was being awarded the Agenda Prize for Sustainability by the City of Recklinghausen. This annual award honours individuals and organisations who show outstanding commitment to economic, ecological, and social sustainability. Though the prize is not monetary, the public recognition it brought to our work was deeply appreciated. During the official ceremony, members of our board – Gregor Lamers, Marie-Louise Formann, Udo Brösicke, Wolfgang Formann and Susanne Brösicke – stood proudly alongside Mayor Christoph Tesche and Peter Möllers, who delivered a touching keynote speech in our honour.

A second moment of joy came when we were selected by the Friedensschule Münster as their new partnership project for the African continent. Through this collaboration, we are given the chance to present the situation in Delft and the work of HOPE Cape Town to a new generation of globally engaged students. We are grateful for this opportunity to build awareness and empathy across borders.



Throughout 2024, our team continued to raise significant funds for HOPE Cape Town through creative and heartfelt initiatives: selling homemade jam, candles and souvenirs at local markets and events throughout the year. What may seem small at first glance has a powerful impact – because behind every jar and every crafted item is a message of compassion, commitment, and shared humanity.

We were once again able to contribute a substantial amount towards the essential programs offered by HOPE Cape Town. These include early childhood development, school enrolment support, afternoon and holiday programs for children, psychosocial counselling, as well as the upkeep of The Nex Library and e-Centre – a beacon of opportunity for over 12,000 members.

As a small association with a big heart, we are proud to stand alongside HOPE Cape Town as partners and friends.

Our Partner Rat & Tat Koblenz e.V.

→ www.facebook.com/RATuTAT.Koblenz

RAT & TAT Koblenz e.V. (translated to ADVICE & ACT Koblenz e. V.) continues to collaborate with HOPE Cape Town. During the period under review, we again secured with the support of RAT & TAT Koblenz e.V. a donation for school uniforms, school bags, stationery and food from Ministry of Internal Affairs, for Sport and Infrastructure of the province Rheinland-Pfalz.

“RAT & TAT Koblenz e. V.” provides anonymous and free support for people with or without HIV / AIDS, personally or by phone. They give advice about sexually transmitted diseases and HIV antibody testing for professionals working in areas like medicine and welfare.



Our Partner Southern African Chamber of Commerce and Industry

→ suedafrika.ahk.de/en
→ www.facebook.com/SAGCCI

To continuously develop critical industry skills, HOPE Cape Town signed an MOU with the Southern African-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AHK Southern Africa) to develop joint projects in the field of dual vocational training. A starting point was the now terminated Dual Vocational Training program in Freight Forwarding and Logistics.

The MOU remains the starting point for any new collaboration in a changing scenario of needs and challenges in the job and training sector.

To mention is also the jointly hosted Ball of HOPE in Cape Town, an important social event where businesspeople, members of the AHK and friends of HOPE Cape Town come together to support the efforts of training, health care and education.



Our Partner

The German AIDS Foundation

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The Deutsche AIDS-Stiftung (German AIDS Foundation) has been supporting HOPE Cape Town for more than two decades, in particular through our subsidiary, the HOPE Cape Town Stiftung.

The Deutsche AIDS-Stiftung itself supported the “Intervention Program” of HOPE Cape Town in 2024 – 2025. This includes the work of the Patient Care & Support Coordinator on the children’s wards at Tygerberg Hospital, the deployment of a doctor and an occupational therapist there and in the township clinics and support for the health centre on the campus of The NEX. Working with and for children and their families is particularly important to us. We see this as a sustainable contribution to HIV prevention and care. We also believe in the importance of working with teenagers at a critical stage of their living with HIV. That is why we support the KAP23 youth centre on The NEX Campus, whose construction was made possible by the Deutsche AIDS Stiftung.



A special highlight of the collaboration between the Deutsche AIDS-Stiftung and HOPE Cape Town in 2024 were our joint activities at the World AIDS Conference in Munich. For five days in July, 15,000 delegates from all over the world discussed the latest research findings on HIV and AIDS and potentially game-changing developments in the fight against the epidemic. Scientists, people living with HIV and civil society activists who support people with HIV travelled to Munich – including Stefan Hippler.

The Deutsche AIDS-Stiftung presented its projects in Germany and internationally as part of the “Germany Pavillion” in the conference exhibition zone. In a lunch talk Stefan Hippler discussed HOPE Cape Town and the holistic approach of The NEX with its focus on the integration of health and education. Stefa also gave a speech at a dinner at the invitation of the Deutsche AIDS-Stiftung. His report ensured that the invited guests donated generously.

As CEO of the Deutsche AIDS-Stiftung, I am delighted that we are able to support the work of HOPE: in the clinics and on campus. The NEX is a unique, radiating project with enormous potential. We in Germany can learn a lot from it. And it sets an example of how a mutually empowering and rewarding partnership between Africa and Germany for the best of human well-being can look like.

With warm regards
Anne von Fallois
CEO
Deutsche AIDS-Stiftung



Our Partner

Duale Hochschule Baden Wuerttemberg

→ www.dhbw.de/english/home

DHBW with its official seat in Stuttgart is the first higher education institution in Germany which combines on-the-job training and academic studies and, therefore, achieves a close integration of theory and practice, both being components of cooperative education. With around 34,000 enrolled students, over 9,000 partner companies and more than 145,000 graduates, DHBW counts as one of the larg-

est higher education institutions in the German Federal State of Baden-Wuerttemberg. Besides a broad range of study programs in the fields of business and engineering, the university also covers the field of social work.



Our Partner

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Our Partner

Bettina Benzoni-Ruffert Stiftung

→ www.bbr-stiftung.de



Empowering the Next Generation: Education and Training for a Sustainable Future

The Bettina Benzoni-Ruffert Foundation (BBR Foundation), based in Limburg an der Lahn, has been passionately dedicated to supporting and empowering young people since 2021. With its commitment to self-help and personal responsibility, the foundation provides youth with new opportunities for a sustainable and self-determined future.

In May 2024, the BBR Foundation and the HOPE Cape Town Trust officially sealed their long-term collaboration by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This partnership is built on shared goals and the firm belief that education, sustainability, and entrepreneurship are key drivers of positive change.

A Milestone Achievement: The Hydroponics Project

A major success of this partnership is the significant funding of the hydroponics project by the BBR Foundation. This forward-thinking initiative has played a pivotal role in establishing the Bettina Benzoni-Ruffert Community Garden & Environmental Training Centre at The Nex campus in Delft.

Here, young Agripreneurs – aspiring agricultural entrepreneurs – receive hands-on training in modern, sustainable farming techniques. They learn innovative cultivation methods that not only enhance yield but also conserve valuable resources – a crucial factor in tackling climate change and growing food insecurity.

A Visit Filled with Inspiration

In January 2025, Renate Maas and Heinz Georg Ruffert, board members of the BBR Foundation, visited the HOPE Cape Town Campus alongside friends and supporters.

This visit provided an opportunity to witness the first tangible results of this collaboration firsthand: The flourishing plants in the hydroponic greenhouse, the dedication of young Agripreneurs, and the enthusiasm for sustainable agriculture clearly demonstrated the positive impact this initiative has already made.

Looking Ahead: Growth for a Sustainable Future

But this is just the beginning! Together with the BBR Foundation, the HOPE Cape Town Trust is already planning the next step: expanding the garden with additional cultivation areas, creating space for further agricultural innovations. This expansion will not only provide new learning opportunities for future Agripreneurs but will also deepen knowledge in sustainable urban farming and drive the development of pioneering agricultural methods.

The partnership between the HOPE Cape Town Trust and the Bettina Benzoni-Ruffert Foundation is a shining example of how long-term collaboration can drive sustainable change. Together, we are laying the foundation for a future in which young people are equipped with the knowledge and practical skills needed to enhance food security and advance sustainable agriculture.

We are grateful for this groundbreaking collaboration and look forward to achieving many more milestones together!



◀ Meeting of Agripreneur students and Bettina Benzoni-Ruffert Foundation representatives



▲ Visit to HOPE Cape Town campus by Bettina Benzoni-Ruffert Foundation board members.



▲ Announcement of Partnership between HOPE Cape Town Trust and BBR Foundation

Our Partner

FLP – Fresh Life Produce

→ freshlifeproduce.com



Pioneering Urban Agricultural Innovation

The collaboration between HOPE Cape Town Trust and FLP – Fresh Life Produce marks a groundbreaking step in advancing sustainable, high-quality hydroponic farming within urban environments. Through this strategic partnership, FLP has established 6 agricultural incubators at the Bettina Benzoni-Ruffert Community Garden & Environmental Training Centre on The Nex Campus. This initiative is designed to equip young, aspiring Agripreneurs with the knowledge, skills, and hands-on experience required to drive Africa's agricultural transformation.

FLP specializes in designing and operating agricultural incubators on behalf of corporations, foundations, and NGOs, creating a structured pathway for graduates to transition from academic learning to practical agricultural entrepreneurship. In close collaboration with the Western Cape Department of Agriculture, promising graduates are identified and placed into the program, where they embark on an intensive two-year journey. The first year is dedicated to immersive learning under the guidance of experienced Agripreneurs and professional coaches, while in the second year, participants take on the responsibility of managing and cultivating their own hydroponic tunnels with expert mentorship.

The results have been exceptional. The first harvest cycles have not only met but exceeded expectations, demonstrating the immense potential of hydroponic farming in an urban context. The students take great pride in their achievements, showcasing a level of productivity and quality that reinforces the importance of such forward-thinking agricultural models. This success underscores the value of empowering young

individuals with cutting-edge agricultural techniques, ultimately driving food security, enhancing productivity, and fostering climate-smart farming practices.

Beyond education and skill-building, FLP's impact extends to market-driven agricultural solutions. Initial discussions are underway with VUUR, an award-winning restaurant that is expanding into the production of high-quality sauces. These (pasta) sauces are envisioned to be crafted from our hydroponically grown produce cultivated our Agripreneurs within the incubator program. This partnership, once fully realized, has the potential to create a dedicated market for locally grown ingredients, providing economic opportunities and contributing to the long-term sustainability of the initiative.

Recognizing the transformative potential of this model, HOPE Cape Town Trust formalized its commitment to this shared vision by signing a Memorandum of Understanding with FLP. This agreement cements our joint efforts to drive innovation in urban sustainable agriculture, equipping young people with the expertise and qualifications needed for meaningful employment or entrepreneurial success in the agricultural sector. By fostering a dynamic ecosystem where knowledge meets opportunity, we are shaping a future where urban farming becomes a viable and prosperous career path for the next generation of African Agripreneurs.

Together, HOPE Cape Town Trust and FLP – Fresh Life Produce are redefining what is possible in urban agriculture – creating sustainable livelihoods, and strengthening food security.

Networking

Eine Welt Netzwerk Bayern e.V.

→ www.eineweltnetzwerkbayern.de



The Welt Netzwerk Bayern e.V. is the regional Non Profit Network of action groups, institutions, fair trade shops and local 1-World-Networks committed to development policy and situated in Bavaria, one of the 16 Federal States of Germany. All their members are engaged in

One-World Solidarity Work and are raising awareness. Therefore, we deal particularly with sustainable development, fair trade, international labour standards/corporate social responsibility and education for sustainable development.

Networking

SOL – People for Solidarity, Ecology and Lifestyle (Austria)

→ nachhaltig.at



SOL was founded in 1979 and is independent of political parties and religious communities. Around 2000 SOLis throughout Austria work together towards a common goal: **For a solidary, ecological lifestyle and social change.**

We work together with the charitable foundation HOPE Cape Town. HOPE Cape Town aims to improve the quality of life of children and families affected by poverty, HIV or related diseases, social challenges and the associated difficult living conditions.

HOPE Cape Town's work began in 2001 and now includes a holistic campus in Delft (a suburb of Cape Town) called "The Nex – Indawo Yethu" with a health centre, an early childhood development centre, a dual vocational training facility and a youth centre.

Our joint project

In partnership between SOL and HOPE, this centre is now to be expanded to include a community garden, which will guarantee the people living there an almost self-sufficient supply of food and pursue the following eco-social goals:

Education and learning about nature and sustainable agriculture (working with reduced use of pesticides and herbicides, creating a habitat for insects and animals) community building and improving the quality of life of local people.



▲ Fr Hippler meeting with Katharina Weiss and Stephan Neuberger of SOL

Campaign Garten für Garten

(Bavaria / @zebra | group GmbH)

Under the patronage of Mrs. Ilse Aigner, President of the Bavarian Parliament, and Member of the Bavarian Parliament Mr Maximilian Böttl and his husband Thomas Gierling, a connection was established between the Bavaria State Horticultural Show, held in Kirchheim near Munich from May 15th to October 6th 2024 and the garden project on HOPE Cape Town's campus "The Nex – Indawo Yethu".



Campaign Seed of HOPE

(@zebra | group GmbH / HOPE Gala Dresden / HOPE Kapstadt Stiftung)

The campaign "Seed of HOPE" was started via the HOPE Gala Dresden and designed by @zebra | group GmbH. It was the starting point of the traditional garden project's support via friends of the HOPE Gala in Dresden.



► Community garden plots



Support Signal Hill Rotary Club

Blikkiesdorp Seasonal Food Garden. The Rotary Club of Signal Hill was central in supplying and setting up containers to serve as a community outreach centre, including aftercare facilities in the impoverished settlement known as Blikkiesdorp. Further containers serve as a soup kitchen to feed learners, others are set up as teaching and learning facilities where the school learners can complete their homework and assignments under supervised and peaceful conditions. The grounds of the community outreach centre are big enough for a vegetable garden, but the poor-quality soils of the wind-swept Cape Flats are either too dry in summer or too waterlogged in winter to yield nutritious and bountiful crops. Thus, the Club decided to

assist the community with preparing the soil better for it to supply high quality and high yields of vegetables all year round for nourishing soups and salads.

We also provide seasonal vegetables seedlings and seeds for planting, and we added some boundary plants that have medicinal uses and will assist in attracting pollinators which in turn will produce higher yields.



▼ Members of Rotary Club Signal Hill at the Blikkiesdorp Seasonal Food garden



▲ Planting of seedlings

◀ Annual visit of Signal Hill Rotary Club to the Blikkiesdorp community outreach centre garden

Support Other Organisations and Initiatives

Tygerberg Hospital School – Xhosa Speaking Teacher

The role of the IsiXhosa teacher in the school is crucial for fostering an inclusive learning environment for the IsiXhosa speaking children. By engaging with them in the wards and classrooms the teacher can support them educationally and emotionally, ensuring the children are understood and feel valued. The liaison between the mainstream and hospital school is also a vital part of the teacher's function assisting in bridging cultural and linguistic gaps.

Subjects covered are not only languages (English, Afrikaans, IsiXhosa) also Mathematics and Life skills classes are taught to between 50 and 80 learners each week.

Kareeberg Social Development Forum NPC, Northern Cape

Our partnership with the under-resourced communities of Carnarvon in the Northern Cape has continued to grow over the past six years at the request of one of HOPE Cape Town's loyal local donors. The members of KSDF developed a community garden on church land in 2022. They were forced to expand the garden in 2024 since they increased their feeding scheme to provide a plate of food to an average of 1,033 children per week. The children's feeding scheme is known as Watlemoen Kinners (Watermelon Kiddies). In addition, the community garden harvest supplies vegetables to disabled and elderly persons living in very poor households.

HOPE Cape Town supported the installation of a water storage and irrigation system for the community garden as well as some much-needed garden tools in this reporting year. Besides the garden and feeding schemes, the KSDF works closely with the local Municipality to develop young leaders through the Community Workers Program where they serve in social development programs.



► Reading time at Tygerberg Hospital School

Governance

Board of Trustees

HOPE Cape Town Trust is made up of individuals from diverse backgrounds and businesses who provide advice and guidance to the organisation. We are honoured to benefit from a wealth of specialised knowledge and a common guiding vision to ensure HOPE Cape Town remains on a secure organisational and financial basis for the future. The full board of trustees meets twice a year, trustees are kept regularly updated through bulletins from the Chairperson.

Trustees for the reporting period are

Rev Fr Stefan Hippler, Petra Reichwein, Carole Armstrong-Hooper, Bob Groeneveld, Dr Dirk Brandt, Prof em. Monika Esser, Viola Klein, Themba Msimang.

Newly appointed Trustees

Janine Horn, Calvin Daniels, Dr Erwin Gaertner and Danilo Schmidt.

Retired Trustees

Mr JE Louw, Prof Dr Detlev Geiss, Adv Martin Hoernig, Prof BV Slade

The Executive Committee

The EC, consisting of four Trustees, meets at regular intervals to discuss current topics pertaining to the organisation. The EC prepares recommendations for consideration by the full trust board and as the representative of the trust engages directly with the operational board of the HOPE Cape Town Association.

Advisory Board HOPE Cape Town Trust

Within the trust we have a group of exceptional individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the organisation.

Anja Tambusso-Ferraz, E. Joseph Kunzman, Dr Clint Gould, Erhard Fiebig

HOPE Cape Town Association Board

The board comprises of a group of wonderful individuals, who through their individual and collective expertise guide the operations of HOPE Cape Town in practical terms.

These board members are

Prof em. Monika Esser, Prof Mark Cotton, Prof Wolfgang Preisser, Dr Layo Seriki, Dr Deepthi Abraham, Fr Wim Lindque, Albin Wagner, Aniela Batschari, and ex-officio Carole Armstrong-Hooper.

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Financial Report of HOPE Cape Town Trust

The financial overview underscores how donor generosity and sound financial practices enable HOPE Cape Town to fulfil its mission. By managing funds responsibly and efficiently, we ensure that every Rand contributes to strengthening communities, empowering individuals, and building a sustainable future.



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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Trustees of HOPE Cape Town Trust

Report on the Audit of the Annual Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the annual financial statements of HOPE Cape Town Trust set out on pages 9 to 18, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 28 February 2025, and the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in trust funds and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the annual financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the annual financial statements of HOPE Cape Town Trust for the year ended 28 February 2025 are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with note 1 to the financial statements.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Annual Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the trust in accordance with the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors' Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Auditors (IRBA Code) and other independence requirements applicable to performing audits of financial statements in South Africa. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IRBA Code and in accordance with other ethical requirements applicable to performing audits in South Africa. The IRBA Code is consistent with the corresponding sections of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards). We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to note 1 to the annual financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The annual financial statements are prepared in accordance with the trust's own accounting policies to satisfy the financial information needs of the trust's beneficiary. As a result, the annual financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other Information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the document titled "HOPE Cape Town Trust Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 28 February 2025", which includes the Trustees' Report, and the statement of Trustees' Responsibilities and Approval, which we obtained prior to the date of this report, and the supplementary information set out on page 19. The other information does not include the annual financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the annual financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the annual financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the annual financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Responsibilities of the Trustees for the Annual Financial Statements

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the annual financial statements in accordance with note 1 to the financial statements, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of annual financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the annual financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Annual Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the annual financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these annual financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the annual financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the trust's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the trust's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the annual financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the trust to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the annual financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the annual financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the trustees regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with the requirements of Section 17(2) of the Nonprofit Organisations Act, we report as follows:

- the financial statements of the Trust are consistent with its accounting records;
- the accounting policies of the Trust are appropriate and have been appropriately applied in the preparation of the financial statements; and
- the Trust has complied with the provisions of the Nonprofit Organisations Act and of its constitution which relate to financial matters.



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HOPE Cape Town Trust

(Registration Number IT1797/2006)

Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 28 February 2025

Trustees' Responsibilities and Approval

The trustees are required to maintain adequate accounting records and are responsible for the content and integrity of the annual financial statements and related financial information included in this report. It is their responsibility to ensure that the annual financial statements satisfy the financial reporting standards with regards to form and content and present fairly the statement of financial position, results of operations and business of the trust, and explain the transactions and financial position of the business of the trust at the end of the financial year. The annual financial statements are based upon appropriate accounting policies consistently applied throughout the trust and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates.

The trustees acknowledge that they are ultimately responsible for the system of internal financial control established by the trust and place considerable importance on maintaining a strong control environment. To enable the trustees to meet these responsibilities, the trustees set standards for internal control aimed at reducing the risk of error or loss in a cost effective manner. The standards include the proper delegation of responsibilities within a clearly defined framework, effective accounting procedures and adequate segregation of duties to ensure an acceptable level of risk. These controls are monitored throughout the trust and all employees are required to maintain the highest ethical standards in ensuring the trust's business is conducted in a manner that in all reasonable circumstances is above reproach.

The focus of risk management in the trust is on identifying, assessing, managing and monitoring all known forms of risk across the trust. While operating risk cannot be fully eliminated, the trust endeavours to minimise it by ensuring that appropriate infrastructure, controls, systems and ethical behaviour are applied and managed within predetermined procedures and constraints.

The trustees are of the opinion, based on the information and explanations given by management, that the system of internal control provides reasonable assurance that the financial records may be relied on for the preparation of the annual financial statements. However, any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable, and not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. The going-concern basis has been adopted in preparing the financial statements. Based on forecasts and available cash resources the trustees have no reason to believe that the trust will not be a going concern in the foreseeable future. The annual financial statements support the viability of the trust.

The annual financial statements have been audited by the independent auditing firm, BGC, who have been given unrestricted access to all financial records and related data, including minutes of all meetings of the beneficiary, the trustees and committees of the trustees. The trustees believe that all representations made to the independent auditor during the audit were valid and appropriate. The external auditor's unqualified audit report is presented on pages 3 to 5.

The annual financial statements set out on pages 9 to 18, and the supplementary information set out on page 19 which have been prepared on the going concern basis, were approved by the trustees and were signed on 10th May '25 on their behalf by:


Mrs CS Zipp (nee Armstrong-Hooper) (chairperson)


Mrs P Reichwein (treasurer)

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Statement of Financial Position

(Registration Number IT1797/2006)

Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 28 February 2025

Figures in R	Notes	2025	2024
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	3	66,500,277	63,934,870
Other receivables	4	600,197	561,357
Total non-current assets		67,100,474	64,496,227
Current assets			
Other receivables	4	115,543	-
Cash and cash equivalents	5	60,065,860	61,698,827
Total current assets		60,181,403	61,698,827
Total assets		127,281,877	126,195,054
Equity and liabilities			
Equity			
Trust capital	6	100	100
Accumulated surplus		80,273,709	86,186,291
Capital maintenance reserve	7	47,000,000	40,000,000
Total equity		127,273,809	126,186,391
Liabilities Current liabilities			
Trade creditors	8	8,068	8,663
Total equity and liabilities		127,281,877	126,195,054

Statement of Comprehensive Income

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Donation income		16,513,850	24,215,401
Other income		664,517	492,260
Expenses		(4,777,481)	(2,880,469)
Surplus from operating activities	9	12,400,886	21,827,192
Finance income		3,196,933	4,855,815
Surplus before distributions		15,597,819	26,683,007
Distributions paid			
Beneficiary distributions		(14,510,401)	(16,095,646)
Surplus for the year		1,087,418	10,587,361

Banking Details

South Africa

Account Name: HOPE Cape Town Trust
Name of Bank: Standard Bank of South Africa Limited
Account Number: 070274525
Branch Code: 020909
Swift Code: SBZAJJ
Branch Name: Thibault Square
Account Type: Business Current Account

Germany

Account Name: Verband der Diözesen Deutschlands
Name of Bank: Pax-Bank für Kirche und Caritas
BIC/Swift Code: GENODED1PAX
iban: DE42 3706 0193 0030 7210 12
Kennwort: HOPE Cape Town Trust

Account Name: HOPE Kapstadt Stiftung
Name of Bank: Bank für Sozialwirtschaft, Cologne
Account Number: 8269500 (BLZ 370 205 00)
BIC/Swift Code: BFSWDE33XXX
iban: DE15 3702 0500 0008 2695 0

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